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Grocery's suit charges coalition with harassment

Operators of a grocery in western Louisville have filed suit against the Black Workers Coalition and three individuals, charging they have harassed the store's employees and its customers.

The suit was filed in Jefferson Circuit Court by F.E.C. Stores, Inc., which operates the grocery at 1214 S. 28th St.

It was filed against the coalition and Roosevelt Roberts and Anita Watts, both of 2300 W. Oak St., and Shirley Thomas, 1043 Cecil Ave.

Miss Watts and Miss Thomas are former employees of the store, according to the suit.

The suit says both women had been cashiers of the store but were fired when they became belligerent after being transferred to the produce department.

According to the suit, after the women were fired, the store was picketed by persons representing the Black Workers Coalition. Those pickets, according to the suit, have harassed customers wanting to enter the store.

Some of the pickets, the suit says, have gone into the store and filled grocery carts with goods, then left the carts in the aisles.

The suit asks for an injunction to keep coalition members from harassing its customers and employees.

Claims made in filing a lawsuit give only one side of a case.

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Jeffboat fires one worker and suspends another

One employee of Jeffboat, Inc., in Jeffersonville was fired yesterday and another suspended for five days after refusing to report to work Monday so they could demonstrate against alleged race discrimination at the company.

Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers Coalition, Inc., Louisville, said the men, both black, were suspended and fired for "excessive absenteeism."

The two men were among about 70 black workers at Jeffboat who refused to report to work Monday in order to protest the company's alleged bias in hiring, firing and promotion.

Workers have filed 10 complaints of discrimination with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission since July 19.

The names and addresses of the two men who were fired and suspended could not be verified today.

Leo Toupin, vice-president of industrial relations for Jeffboat, declined to name any of the workers involved.

Toupin said the firm has certain regulations and disciplinary procedures regarding attendance at work, and that the firm did not consider attending Monday's protest as "just cause" for missing work.

Roberts said the two men will file complaints with the federal commission against Jeffboat for violating civil rights laws that prohibit an employer from taking action against an employee if he or she takes part in a protest against unlawful discrimination on the part of the employer.

Toupin said the commission has no

notified Jeffboat of the previous complaints.

Roberts said the coalition has asked Toupin to meet with representatives of the workers about their complaints.

Toupin said he has told the coalition in the past that he recognizes Teamsters Local 89 as the agent for workers at Jeffboat. He said he would meet with either that group or any government agency about workers' grievances.

He said he had told the coalition that he would be willing perhaps to have lunch with its representatives and discuss general problems, but not individual grievances.

Jeffboat has about 150 black workers. There are 1,300 hourly workers at the corporation, 1030 E. Market Et., Jeffersonville.

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Al Tinsley, 361-2641

Charges of systematic harassment of black employees at Louisville's Naval Ordnance Station are scheduled for a hearing Thursday, July 24.

The hearing is on a complaint filed by Clarence Glenn, an apprentice in the Station's electronics program.

Glenn, who is black and has worked at the Station 8 years, claims he was the victim of discriminatory actions on the part of the Station's supervisors.

"This is not just a matter of what happened to me," Glenn said. "I want to try to set a precedent that will guarantee that all Black employees at Naval Ordnance are treated right-- and in the same manner white employees are treated."

Roosevelt Roberts, representing Louisville's Black Workers Coalition, will accompany Glenn to the hearing. It is set for 8 a.m. Thursday, at the Naval Ordnance Station.

The incident leading to the hearing occurred on March 20. At that time, Glenn was asked to leave a particular area where he was speaking with another black employee during a 10-minute break. He says he protested, but left.

Later a disciplinary action was filed against him, asking that he be suspended for 10 days. This was subsequently reduced to an oral reprimand and a notation on his record.

Meantime, Glenn had reported the incident to the Equal Employment Opportunity Office of the station and later filed a formal complaint. He claims that an official told him that unless he dropped his complaint he would get the 10-day suspension. Naval Ordnance officials deny this.

The U.S. Civil Service Commission subsequently denied his complaint, and the hearing Thursday is on an appeal from this dismissal. Carl Berkenwald of Atlanta will conduct the hearing.

"What I was reprimanded for, whites do all the time," Glenn said. "This is a little thing in itself---but it is typical of the constant harassment black employees at Naval Ordnance are subjected to. It's got to stop."

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Blacks claim discrimination at Jeffboat

By BENJAMIN ENGEL

Louisville Times Staff Writer

Some 30 black employees of Jeffboat, Inc., of Jeffersonville, left work this morning to attend a meeting to protest the recent firing of six black Jeffboat employees.

The employees charged Jeffboat with "very serious acts of discrimination" against black employees, in the form of the firings and restriction of blacks to lower-paying jobs.

The meeting took place at the office of the Black Workers Coalition in Louisville. Coalition president Roosevelt Roberts said his organization is filing complaints about the firings with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and will discuss investigating the charges.

Leo Tupin, Jeffboat vice-president for industrial relations, denied Jeffboat discriminates against black workers.

"There is absolutely no discrimination that I know of," he said. "We have had a few cases (of complaint against Jeffboat) put before the Civil Rights Commission of Indiana, but nothing ever came of them."

Tupin said only one employee requested a gate pass to leave the plant today. He said the workers at the meeting may be second-shift employees who would not have to be at work during the meeting.

Fred Williams, who said he is the most recently fired of the black workers, said the company usually claims insubordination as the reason for firing blacks.

Tupin said "there are rules everyone must follow," and "corrective discipline" for violators prior to firing. But he said "every man in the plant is treated in the same manner."

The workers are members of Teamsters local 89. Williams said, "They (the union) don't give (us) any support whatsoever."

Tupin said the union "has a reputation of being strong," however.

A local 89 agent said the union investigates all complaints filed by union members through contract-grievance procedures. He said he did not know whether Williams had filed such a complaint.

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Black group resumes picketing of store refusing to back boycott

The Black Workers Coalition yesterday resumed its picketing of the A & P Food Store in Algonquin Manor Shopping Center because of the store's refusal to support a boycott against the Fischer Packing Co.

Roosevelt Roberts, coalition president, said the action against Fischer stems from the company's alleged refusal to promote a black worker to an open position, while allegedly giving the same position to a white employee with less seniority.

Ted Newhouse Jr., general manager of Fischer, said in a telephone interview that the matter is being investigated by the Equal Employment Opportunity Com-

mission (EEOC) and that the company will abide by the commission's decision.

Roberts said the coalition probably will meet with A & P representatives next week to see whether a compromise can be reached.

Grady King, A & P general superintendent, said in a telephone interview that the company has taken no position on the coalition's boycott.

"We recognize that they are over there and they have the right to picket," he said.

However, King said, the company is not even "considering" the coalition's demand that it stop buying Fischer products.

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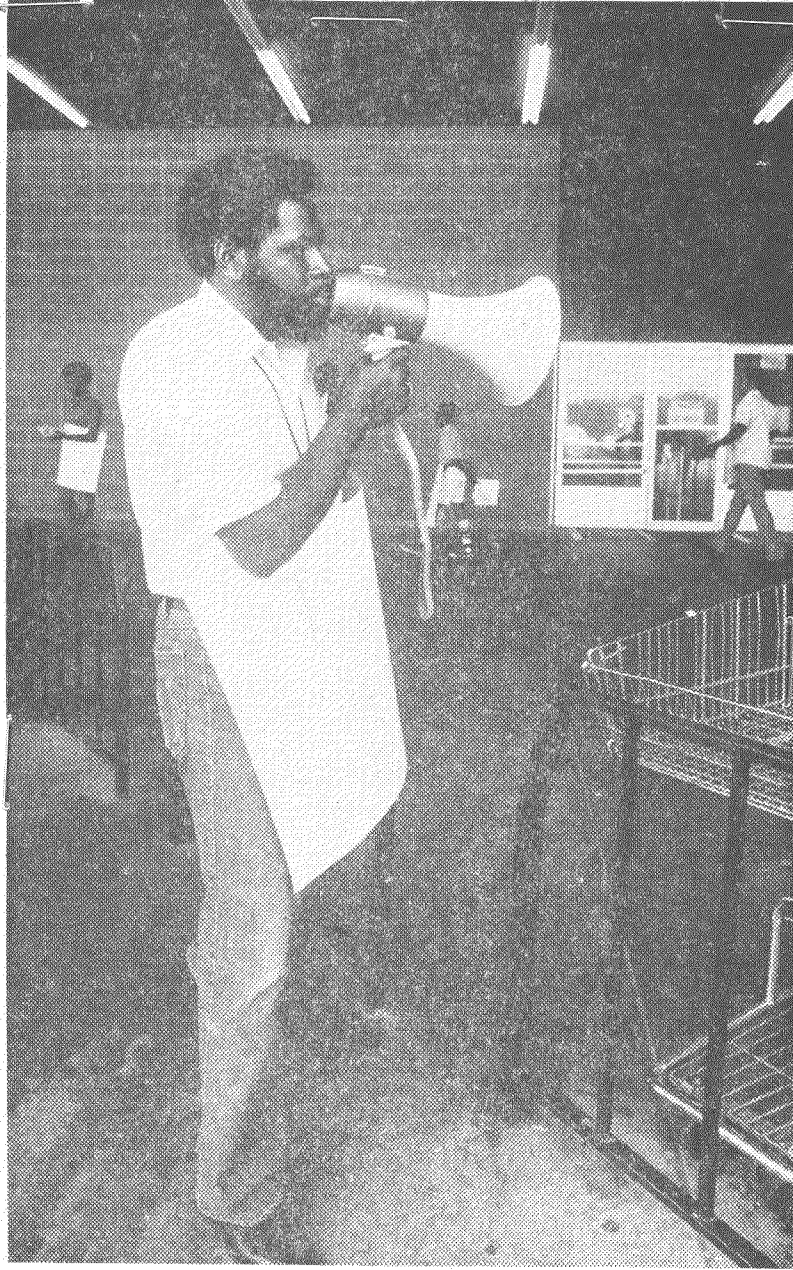
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Staff Photo by Bud Kamenish

Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers Coalition, spoke through a loudspeaker yesterday to protesters at the A & P Food Store in Algonquin Manor Shopping Center. The coalition is protesting the store's refusal to support a boycott against the Fischer Packing Co.

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Louisville, Kentucky
May 1, 1975

At about 11:00 AM on May 1, 1975, Reverend CHARLES KIRBY, ANNE BRADEN, and ED HAYCRAFT, accompanied by approximately forty individuals, 35 of whom were believed to be high school students, appeared in the Director of Safety's Office, Louisville City Hall, Louisville, Kentucky, in an effort to obtain a parade permit to stage a demonstration on Broadway May 1, 1975, at the same time as the annual Pegasus Parade. Above request for parade permit was denied.

Following above meeting with Director of Safety, CHARLES KIRBY, spokesman for the above group which claimed to represent the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and the Kentucky Southern Christian Leadership Conference (KSCLC), indicated that literature would be distributed during the Pegasus Parade on May 1, 1975, critical of the Louisville Division of Police (LDP) hiring and promotional policies as well as brutality tactics. KIRBY indicated that all interested individuals should congregate at the Southern Star Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, at 4:00 PM on May 1, 1975, at which time the group would proceed to the vicinity of 4th Street and Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, working west on Broadway to approximately 18th Street during the parade. KIRBY indicated that no efforts would be made to disrupt the Pegasus Parade but that persons viewing same would be leafleted.

KIRBY also indicated that on May 3, 1975, the above group would also leaflet Churchill Downs during the running of the Kentucky Derby. KIRBY requested a parade permit to march from 7th and Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, to Churchill Downs; however, his request was denied due to the extensive traffic problems experienced in that area on Kentucky Derby Day. KIRBY noted however the group would leaflet outside Churchill Downs on Derby Day. Literature distributed by KIRBY and the KSCLC also urges the formation of a police civilian review board to consider all cases of police brutality alleged against members of the LDP. KIRBY noted that his organization would exercise its right to peaceful protest demonstration and would not interfere in any way with the running of the Kentucky Derby or any other events surrounding same.

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Louisville, Kentucky
May 5, 1975

On May 3, 1975, approximately twenty (20) persons, fifteen (15) of which were associated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) met as planned at 10:30 AM at the Oakland Baptist Church, 1226 Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, for the purpose of moving to Churchill Downs where the group was to distribute literature critical of the Louisville Division of Police (LDP) during the Kentucky Derby. Present at the above time were Reverend CHARLES KIRBY, Kentucky ~~Southern~~ Christian Leadership Conference (KSCLC) President; LEWIS COLEMAN, Urban League; and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER of the BWC.

At approximately 11:00 AM the above individuals moved by automobile to Churchill Downs via Algonquin Parkway and Rodman Street. Upon arriving at Churchill Downs, the group distributed literature critical of the LDP hiring and promotional practices as well as police brutality at the entrances located on Central Avenue and 4th Street. Above leafleting lasted about two hours and at no time did any of the above individuals enter the Churchill Downs property.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was armed with a .38 caliber revolver in a shoulder holster. During the above leafleting, LDP officers maintained close observation of the group. Several signs were carried, publicly protesting the above practices. Local television stations provided minimum news coverage, following which the leafleters were satisfied and departed the area. No efforts were made to disrupt the Kentucky Derby or in any way cause a problem resulting in police action.

KIRBY indicated that there are no plans in the immediate future for the KSCLC, which organized the above leafleting, to pursue same cause.

On May 4, 1975, RICK BARRETT was observed in a 1965 white Thunderbird at Shawnee Park selling Afro jewelry. BARRETT is still a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI) but is not believed to be a strict Muslim.

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Louisville, Kentucky
May 1, 1975

On April 29, 1975, a meeting attended by about 30 persons was held at Southern Star Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, for the purpose of discussing racist discriminatory promotion and hiring practices within the Louisville Division of Police (LDP) as well as police brutality. ANNE BRADEN was in attendance but did not actively participate.

Reverend CHARLES KIRBY, President of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC), coordinated representatives from the following organizations, which KIRBY referred to as a coalition of local groups opposed to the above enumerated alleged practices:

National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR)

Black Workers Coalition (BWC)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Ministerial Coalition

Committee for Economic Survival

Student Coalition Against Racism (SCAR)

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

During the meeting, a decision was made to stage a protest demonstration during the Pegasus Parade, May 1, 1975, in an effort to focus public attention on the above issues. Above groups called for the establishment of a civilian review board and an end to police brutality as well as the hiring of more blacks for the LDP. KIRBY noted that representatives of the above group planned to petition the Louisville Safety Director JAMES THORNBERRY on April 30, 1975, for a parade permit in connection with the proposed demonstration.

On April 30, 1975, CHARLES KIRBY indicated that the above delegation of group representatives did not meet with the Safety Director on April 30, 1975, as planned, however, the group now plans to meet with the Safety Director THORNBERRY on May 1, 1975, and seek a parade permit for

Derby Day, May 3, 1975, in connection with a planned march from the Oakland Baptist Church, 1226 Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, to Churchill Downs, KIRBY knows that the parade permit request will be denied and has no intention of actually marching however feels that denial of the request will serve to focus more public opinion on the issues being raised by the groups. Above groups do not plan to stage any protests or marches on May 1, 1975, during the Pegasus Parade. CHARLES ELLIOTT proposed that church buses pick up school children from Shawnee, Male and Central High Schools on May 1, 1975, and transport them to City Hall so that they could wait outside while the above delegation protest police brutality to Louisville city officials.

On May 2, 1975, at 1:00 PM, the NAARPR and SCAR will stage a demonstration at the Jefferson County Board of Education Building, Bishops Lane and Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, protesting the recently announced school desegregation plans including the so called Jefferson Educational Trip (JET). Above groups want stricter and more positive steps taken to immediately implement court ordered school desegregation.

On May 17, 1975, the SCAR and NAARPR will sponsor a bus trip to Boston, Massachusetts, in support of court ordered school busing to achieve racial desegregation.

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Protest against police planned during city's Pegasus parade

Representatives of six local groups announced last night that they will stage a march, protesting "racist policies in the Louisville Police Department," tomorrow during the city's annual Pegasus Parade.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Charles Kirby, president of the Kentucky chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, following a meeting at the Southern Star Baptist Church and attended by about 30 persons.

A number of people in this community are alarmed at the policies in the police department that allow blacks to

be the victims of promotion and hiring discrimination and increasing police brutality," he said.

He said the groups are calling for a civilian review board, an end to police brutality and the hiring of more blacks for the department.

Kirby said that a representative group from the community will seek a meeting with safety director James Thornberry and the mayor's office to discuss specific incidents and to request a parade permit for the demonstration.

Attending the meeting was a mother who claimed city police overreacted during an incident at a shopping center that ended, according to the woman, with the arrest of herself and four of her children.

Groups represented at the meeting included the Black Workers Coalition, Student Coalition Against Racism, Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, Ministerial Coalition of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Committee for Economic Survival and the Service Employees International Union.

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INFORMATION RE NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)

MEETING 4/3/75, LOUISVILLE, KY.

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- 1 - 157-867 (GREEN)
- 1 - 157-1601 (BARRETT)
- 1 - 157-2010 (MATTHEWS)
- 1 - 157-1656 (MOORMAN)
- 1 - 157-1868 (WHITFIELD)
- 1 - 157-1850 (CRAWFORD)
- 1 - 157-1680 (CALDWELL)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-927 (MLK-MM)
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Louisville, Kentucky
April 4, 1975

On April 3, 1975, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Nation of Islam (NOI) was held at 2352 West Madison Street, Louisville, Kentucky. Above meeting began at approximately 8:30 PM and was attended by about 25 individuals. The following NOI members were observed in attendance: (X)

DAVID PASHA

ERASTUS X WILLIAMS

ANDREW X HILL

LESTER X (GREEN)

RICHARD BARRETT

GENE X (drives dark blue Mazda with unknown 1975 Kentucky vehicle tag) (X)

CHARLES X MOORMAN

JASPER X (WHITFIELD)

JAMES X CRAWFORD

BROTHER LIEUTENANT

All of the above individuals were accompanied by their respective wives and children. (X)

During the above mentioned meeting, NOI female members sat on one side of the basement room while the NOI male members sat on the opposite side. Children sat with their mothers. Windows in the basement of 2352 West Madison Street, Louisville, Kentucky, have been boarded up to afford greater privacy to the NOI during meetings. No Fruit of Islam (FOI) group is known to exist in connection with the Louisville, Kentucky NOI cell, although current NOI male members living and worshipping in Louisville, Kentucky, are believed to be FOI members in Cincinnati, Ohio. (X)

Discussion was held concerning the selection of another night for a local meeting at Louisville, Kentucky inasmuch as DAVID PASHA wants all local NOI members to attend (X)

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meetings at Muhammad's Mosque #5, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Sundays. (c)

LESTER X (GREEN) indicated that he has been successful in the establishment of the Shabazz Construction Company which is already in operation in Louisville, Kentucky. LESTER X (GREEN) further indicated that the Shabazz Construction Company is involved in small scale renovation work and is currently operating from the residence of ERASTUS X WILLIAMS. (c)

Some discussion was held concerning the establishment of an NOI school for children at 2352 West Madison Street, Louisville, Kentucky, this coming spring or early summer. DAVID X PASHA indicated that he wants more local NOI members to start working and selling more NOI newspapers. Reference was made to WALLACE D. MUHAMMAD, new national leader of the NOI. PASHA indicated that all NOI members must pledge their allegiance to WALLACE D. MUHAMMAD who is to carry on in his late father's footsteps. (c)

NOI members, Louisville, Kentucky, intend travel to Cincinnati, Ohio on Sunday, April 6, 1975 and each Sunday thereafter in an effort to establish a regular meeting routine. Above meeting ended approximately 10:40 PM and all individuals in attendance departed 2352 Madison Street, Louisville, Kentucky. No weapons were observed on the person of any individual in attendance and no violence was discussed. Each individual participating in the above meeting was carefully searched upon entering by designated NOI members. (c)

On April 4, 1975, at approximately 10 AM, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) sponsored a motorcade and march in memory of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING. Assembling in the vicinity of Chestnut and Ninth Streets, a group of about 25 individuals proceeded east on Chestnut Street to the River City Mall, north on the River City Mall to Jefferson Street and west on Jefferson Street to the Jefferson County Courthouse where about 45 people listened to several speakers. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Chairman of the BWC and organizer of the above mentioned march, spoke to the crowd briefly about the labor conditions at General Electric, Appliance Park. (c)

CHARLES KIRBY, local head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) rendered a short sermon concerning the late MARTIN LUTHER KING. Several other speakers participated in the program. No former members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) or other individuals of known extremist affiliation or sympathies were present during the above program. (c)

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Louisville, Kentucky
April 4, 1975

On April 4, 1975, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone ~~776-6481~~, will sponsor a memorial march in memory of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING. Above march is to begin in the vicinity of 9th and Chestnut Streets and to proceed east on Chestnut Street to the River City Mall, north on the River City Mall to Jefferson Street and west on Jefferson Street to the Jefferson County Courthouse. Organizers for the above march are ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and his wife, DOROTHY J. ROBERTS, 1410 Wills Court, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone 774-5267.

Above march was held as scheduled with 24 individuals participating at the assembly area. Approximately 45 individuals subsequently were observed at the Jefferson County Courthouse where several speeches of local interest were rendered. No former members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) or other individuals associated with any extremist elements in Louisville, Kentucky were observed either participating in the memorial march or at the memorial service held in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse, Louisville, Kentucky.

On April 4, 1975, a Prisoner's Rights Union (PRU) is scheduled to hold an award's dinner at the Jefferson County Jail, Louisville, Kentucky. Above function will take place 7-8 PM and will be coordinated by President of the PRU, JAMES BELL YEAGER. Members of the press and other individuals connected with penal institutions have been invited by YEAGER who lists his home address at 514 West Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky, which YEAGER claims as his "temporary residence."

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INFORMATION RE MARTIN LUTHER KING

MEMORIAL MARCH, 4/4/75, LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 24, 1975

On April 4, 1975 the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) will sponsor the Sixth Annual Martin Luther King Commemoration Program at Louisville, Kentucky. Scheduled in connection with the above event is a memorial march which will end at 9th and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, proceed east on Chestnut Street to the River City Mall, north on the River City Mall to Jefferson Street, west on Jefferson Street to the Jefferson County Courthouse where a host of local speakers will address those participating in the service. The primary speaker, according to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, BWC Chairman, will be CHARLES DIXON, District Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Center (EEOC), Memphis, Tennessee. No extremist groups or extremist elements operating in Louisville, Kentucky are expected to participate in the above mentioned memorial service.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (C)

DATE: 3/13/75

FROM : SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO

SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)
EM

On 3/12/75, WESLEY CRUSE, Sergeant, Louisville Division of Police (LDP), Louisville, Ky., advised that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, representing the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), has applied for a parade permit in connection with a march which is to be held 4/4/75 in Louisville, Ky., apparently commemorating the anniversary of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. ROBERTS has indicated that the memorial march will begin at 9th and Walnut Streets, proceed east on Walnut Street to River City Mall, north on River City Mall, and west on Jefferson Street to the Jefferson County Court House, where there will be a memorial service. The above march is to take place between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, and ROBERTS expects about 2,000 marchers.

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DATE: 2/21/75

FROM : SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO

SUBJECT: COMPUTERIZED TELEPHONE NUMBER FILE (CTNF)
NEW LEFT, BLACK AND OTHER ETHNIC EXTREMISTS

Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 2/7/75 indicates that the CTNF sections pertaining to New Left, Black and Ethnic Extremists have been purged and all aspects thereof discontinued.

- 1 - 100-5741 (CTNF)
- 1 - 100-3346 (Braden)
- 1 - 157-1486 (Jones)
- 1 - 157-1206 (Williams)
- 1 - 100-6257 (Gilbert)
- 1 - 157-915 (McCollum)
- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
- 1 - 100-5386 (Welch)
- 1 - 100-213 (CPUSA)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1413 (Williams)
- 1 - 100-5220 (Grupper)
- 1 - 100-6019 (ACW)
- 1 - 100-6071 (Greever)
- 1 - 157-1481 (J. Simmons)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1301 (Simmons)
- 1 - 157-1112 (NOI)
- 1 - 105-1173 (UMAR)
- 1 - 157-1952 (Brown)

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(502) 772-2942	157-1486
(502) 778-3349	100-197
(502) 589-4129	100-5386
(502) 776-6481	157-1219
(502) 778-4281	157-1413
(502) 589-4129	100-213
(502) 778-3348	100-197
(502) 634-9559	100-5220
(502) 772-7348	100-6019
(502) 778-7504	100-6071
(502) 245-0370	157-1481
(502) 778-1161	157-1469
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Louisville, Kentucky
January 13, 1975

At 10:00 AM on January 13, 1975, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, representing the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), accompanied by 8 other unidentified individuals staged a demonstration at the University of Louisville (UL), Louisville, Kentucky, protesting the dismissal of ROSELLA ROSS, UL custodian who had been employed thereat for 5 years. ROSS was terminated during November, 1974, for being absent from her assigned place of duty. BWC contention is that 2 other persons were also absent from their assigned places of duty with ROSS but were not dismissed. Above demonstration lasted 45 minutes and involved young blacks exclusively.

On January 8, 1975, CHARLES ELLIOTT, accompanied by 5 associates traveled to Frankfort, Kentucky, to petition the Governor to declare January 15 (MARTIN LUTHER KING's birthday) as a state holiday. ELLIOTT did not meet with the Governor but did talk with one of his aides.

On January 15, 1975, a memorial march and service will be held at Louisville, Kentucky, commemorating the birth of MARTIN LUTHER KING. No extremist elements are known to be involved with the above activity.

According to persons knowledgeable of "political prisoner" type activism in Louisville, Kentucky, the Kentucky Political Prisoner Committee (KPPC) has apparently phased into the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (KAARPR) and is still subordinate to the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR).

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Black Workers Protest Dismissal At ULby Jason Williams
Defender Staff Writer

About 10 people, mostly members of the Black Workers' Coalition of Kentucky, picketed the University of Louisville's Department of Buildings and Grounds, Monday to protest the firing of Ms. Rosella Ross, a university domestic and to protest the maltreatment of black workers at UL.

According to a press release issued during the demonstration, Ms. Ross, an employee at UL for about five years, was fired from her job last November for allegedly being out of her work area. The press release also states that prior to the time she had an excellent work record.

Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers' Coalition, said his organization has met with UL officials periodically to discuss the situation of black

workers there. He said that the coalition has tried to bring about some changes but UL has failed to see the need for many of the proposed changes.

During a brief interview as he walked in the picket line, Roberts said that the University discriminates against most of its black employees.

Jim McGovern, a spokesman for the Buildings and Grounds Department at UL, refuted Ms. Ross' story saying that she was dismissed because she had been absent from her work area repeatedly throughout the year and she had received several warnings from her supervisor to include three written warnings which she signed.

As for giving Ms. Ross her job back, McGovern said it would be unfair to other fired UL employees to give her preferential treatment.

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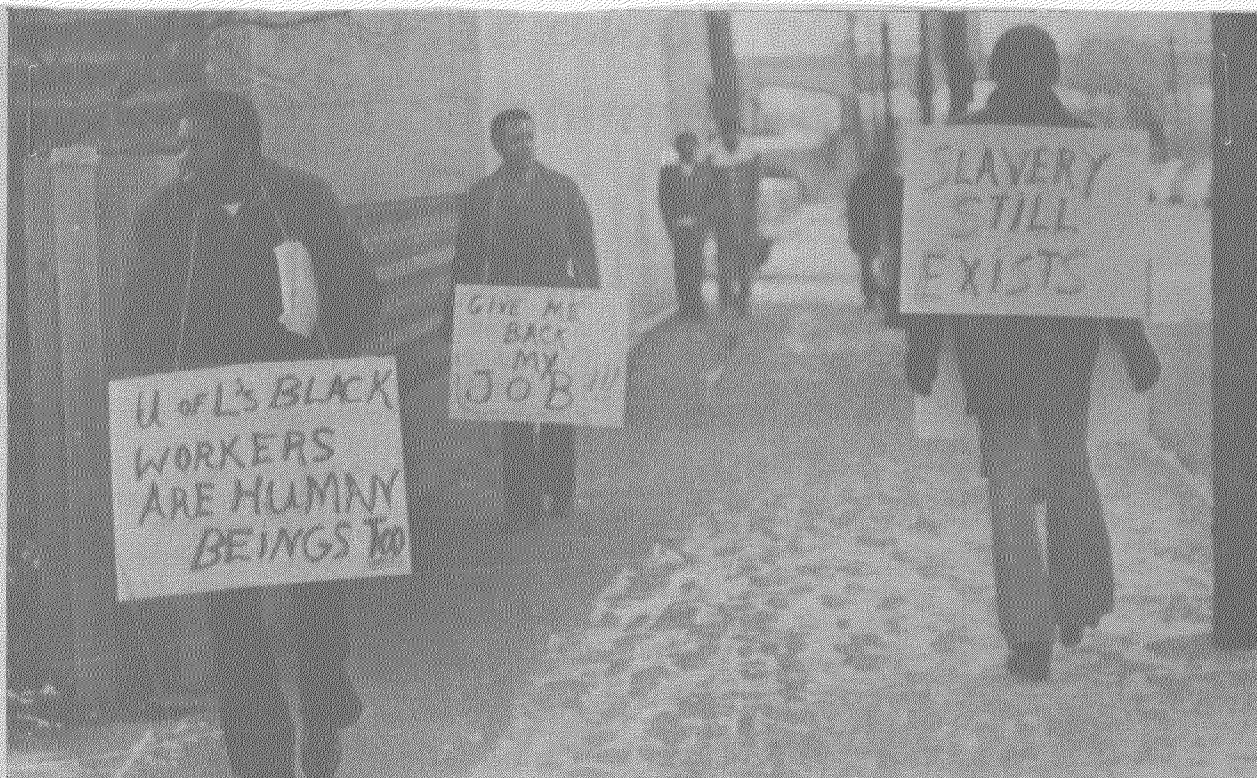
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BLACK WORKERS' COALITION Chairman Roosevelt Roberts (left), along with about nine other members of his organization, braved below freezing temperatures Monday

to protest the firing of Ms. Rosella Ross, a former domestic worker at the University of Louisville.

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Source has heard nothing more regarding the activities of CORNELIUS MORRIS. The only time source heard any mention of MORRIS was when BEN SIMMONS was in town and since SIMMONS has left there has been no mention of MORRIS.

Source has been by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) office on several occasions and there has not been any activity at the office. It appears to source that the BWC has pretty much "closed up shop".

There is no extremist activity in Louisville, Kentucky, at the present time. Most of the individuals who had formerly been associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) have left town. Those who remain very seldom see each other, and when they do meet, give no indication that they are interested in the KBPP or in any other extremist activity.

Source could provide no information regarding the African Peoples National Liberation Front for Independence. Nor could source provide any information regarding HOWARD LAMAR FULLER.

Source has reviewed records kept by the KBPP and has determined that there was never anyone associated with the KBPP by the name of CHARLES A. ROGERS.

Source could provide no information regarding the Eastern Liberation Army, the Universal Society of Blackness nor PAUL LEET BUTLER.

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 17, 1974

There was never anyone associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) who used the name TIMOTHY ADAMS. Source does not know anyone named TIMOTHY ADAMS.

There was never anyone associated with the KBPP who used the name THOMAS MORRISON. In addition, source could not recall anyone associated with the KBPP who used the names GWENDOLYN MARIE FERGUSON, FRANKYE MAE ADAMS, BERNICE ADAMS or CARL BURNLEY.

Source cannot recall BEN SIMMONS ever residing on Fordson Way, however, source recalls that after BEN SIMMONS returned from New York in April or May, 1974, SIMMONS would drop out of sight for a week or so and then reappear. SIMMONS never let anyone know where he had stayed during these periods, although source is quite certain that he had remained in Louisville. Source suggests that it is quite possible that on one or more of these occasions SIMMONS could easily have stayed somewhere on Fordson Way. Source recalls that on several occasions source either picked up or dropped off SIMMONS at the corner of Cecil and Broadway, which is not too far from Fordson Way.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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There was never anyone named CHARLES A. ROGERS associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

Source could provide no information regarding the Eastern Liberation Army and as far as source knows there is no such organization.

Source has never heard of the Universal Society of Blackness, nor of an individual named PAUL LEET BUTLER.

There has been little or no activity at the Black Workers Coalition.

There is no extremist activity in Louisville, Kentucky at the present time. Former KBPP members are pretty much dispersed and have little or no contact with each other.

Source does not know anyone named TIMOTHY ADAMS or THOMAS MORRISON. Neither of these individuals has ever associated with the KBPP.

Source has never heard of GWENDOLYN MARIE FERGUSON, FRANKYE MAE ADAMS, BERNICE ADAMS or CARL BURNLEY.

Source can never recall anyone from the KBPP living or staying at Fordson Way. Source does recall, however, that on several occasions during the late spring and early summer of 1974 when BEN SIMMONS "went into hiding" that Party members did not know where SIMMONS was staying. On several occasions, source would either pick up or drop off SIMMONS at the corner of Cecil and Broadway and SIMMONS would then supposedly walk to wherever he was staying. Source noted that Fordson Way is not too far from the corner of Cecil and Broadway.

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 15, 1974

The recent march in protest of the poor housing conditions in Louisville resulted in the collection of \$2,000.00. Reverend ELLIOTT has this money and this money supposedly will be used to clean up the black community especially with regard to poor housing. According to Reverend ELLIOTT, there will probably be another march on Sunday, October 20, 1974.

Reverend KIRBY is upset with Reverend ELLIOTT because there is a black man living in the Park Hill project who is being evicted for non-payment of his rent. This individual recently had his toes amputated as a result of a work-related injury and is unable to pay his rent. Reverend KIRBY wants to know why Reverend ELLIOTT has not used some of the money obtained in the march in order to help this individual. KIRBY is demanding to know what ELLIOTT is doing with the money. ELLIOTT claims that all of the money that was collected is in an account at the First National Bank.

Source could provide no information regarding CHARLES A. ROGERS.

Source could provide no information regarding the Eastern Liberation Army or an individual named GUIJARA, nor could source provide any information regarding PATRICIA WRIGHT TINSLEY BROTHERS.

Source could provide no information regarding the Universal Society of Blackness nor JOHN E. CHOUNG.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has been inactive and as far as source knows has no plans for any new activities.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On September 9, 1974, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department (LPD), Louisville, Kentucky was advised regarding the plans for a demonstration on September 14, 1974.

On September 10, 1974, Detective KIRKWOOD advised that he had learned that Reverend ELLIOTT had inquired last week regarding the possibility of taking out a parade permit or a demonstration permit for Saturday, September 14, 1974. ELLIOTT has not taken one out as yet, however.

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Louisville, Kentucky
September 9, 1974

Reverend CHARLES ELLIOTT contacted source on Monday, September 9, 1974, and advised that he plans to lead some marchers on Saturday, September 14, 1974, in protest of the poor conditions which exist in the various housing projects in the west end of Louisville. ELLIOTT stated that his plans have not as yet been finalized, however, he instructed source that individuals interested in participating in the march and the protest should meet at King Solomon Church between 8:00 and 9:00 AM on September 14, 1974.

Source speculates that the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is not going to be involved in this march inasmuch as the BWC Office has been closed for the last week to ten days and that no one associated with the BWC seems to be aware of Reverend ELLIOTT's plans.

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- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)

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Louisville, Kentucky
August 20, 1974

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has been using church buses in order to transport individuals to the LaGrange Reformatory in LaGrange, Kentucky, so that these individuals can visit inmates there. These visits to the reformatory have been sporadic but when they have been made they have usually been made on Sundays and Tuesdays. Many of the individuals who take advantage of the BWC's busing program are from the Park Hill Projects. The BWC is continuing its effort to get weekend passes for inmates from LaGrange so that they might visit their relatives.

Reverend ELLIOTT has apparently taken a big interest in the busing program and also has taken an interest in the alleged brutality against blacks, especially at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville, Kentucky. ELLIOTT has referred to the state penitentiary as a dungeon and is particularly upset because recently there have been several killings at the penitentiary in which black inmates have been murdered.

ROGER DICKERSON has not been very active in the BWC for many months, however, recently he stopped by the BWC Office for a meeting and on this occasion brought an individual with him who apparently just got out of Eddyville and who talked about the conditions there. This individual, whose name source cannot recall, claimed that there is much brutality by the guards at the prison and that in many instances some of the prisoners are placed in chains. He also stated that there are many racial problems at the prison. DICKERSON apparently has, for some reason, a keen interest in the problems at Eddyville.

At this meeting ROOSEVELT ROBERTS announced that the BWC is trying to arrange a tour of the prison at Eddyville.

At a recent meeting of the BWC there were several workers there from Brown and Forman. These workers indicated that they are dissatisfied with the conditions at Brown and Forman and are talking about striking sometime in the near future.

In private conversation with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, ROBERTS has indicated that he believes that the black community can be rallied around the issue of brutality in the prisons. ROBERTS spoke very highly of a minister from the East End named Reverend MITCHELL who, according to ROBERTS, is a very fiery

speaker. ROBERTS stated that he is trying to get the Reverend MITCHELL to one of the BWC meetings in order to speak. ROBERTS feels confident that with the help of Reverend MITCHELL, he will be able to "stir up" the other ministers in town concerning the problems in the Kentucky prisons. ROBERTS feels that if he can do this successfully, the BWC will get a lot of community support.

ROBERTS has also announced that the BWC will again participate in the voter registration drive this year.

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Suit filed by 3 alleges black coalition work led to union reprisals

Three Louisville residents charged in a U.S. District Court suit yesterday that they were expelled from Local 761 of the Electrical Workers Union because of their activities in the Black Workers Coalition.

The suit, asking \$300,000 punitive damages plus \$15,000 to compensate them for their loss of salaries, was filed by Barbara Brown, 905 S. 22nd; Roger Dickinson, 665 S. 40th St., and Sheila Turner, 2703 Cedar St.

The defendants are Local 761 and its

president and recording secretary, Kenneth Cassidy and Jim Luekett.

According to the suit, the union brought charges against the three in March 1973, alleging that they were libeling the union.

These charges, the suit says, were "wholly spurious and were instigated in reprisal" for statements the three had made in criticizing the union's conduct of arbitration proceedings.

The charges also were brought, the suit continues, "in reprisal for their exercising the right of free speech" and for

their "participation with and membership in the Black Workers Coalition."

The suit says Barbara Brown was tried on the charges by a union committee, fined \$250 and expelled from membership. The other two plaintiffs also were fired and expelled, but the suit does not say whether they were tried by the union.

The suit also asks that the three be reinstated in the union and that the defendants be enjoined from interfering with their rights under federal labor laws.

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- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1947 (BROTHERS)
- 1 - 157-1936 (ELA)
- 1 - 157-1917 (ROGERS)
- 1 - 157-1893 (MC KENZIE)
- 1 - 157-1790 (DICKERSON)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)

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Louisville, Kentucky
August 8, 1974

BEN SIMMONS has been seen in a black over red 1966 Thunderbird, Kentucky license L23-799. In conversation with SIMMONS, on Thursday, August 8, 1974, SIMMONS indicated that he planned to leave Louisville, Kentucky, and travel to the West Coast. SIMMONS stated that he had already sent his "lady" out of town. SIMMONS indicated that he does not plan to return to Louisville.

SIMMONS was very high on drugs at the time of this conversation and indicated that if he ever does return to Louisville after he leaves, he is going to go down to 4th Street in order to "kill people".

Source could provide no information regarding PATRICIA TINSLEY BROTHERS. As far as source knows, BROTHERS has never been involved in any extremist activities in the Louisville, Kentucky, area.

Source could provide no information re GUIJARA or the Eastern Liberation Army.

Louisville, Kentucky
August 15, 1974

On Thursday, August 15, 1974, MAYA was seen on the Mall engaged in a conversation, and she stated that she is on the verge of leaving BEN SIMMONS because she disagrees with a lot of things that SIMMONS does and says. Source got the impression that MAYA is somewhat afraid of SIMMONS. MAYA also stated that she and SIMMONS are not really legally married - that they are only married in SIMMONS' mind. She stated that she thinks she is pregnant by SIMMONS.

Source has observed MAYA fooling around with an individual (Negro male) whose name source does not know but who is known to be a pimp.

Source has not seen BEN SIMMONS for approximately one week.

PAUL MC KENZIE is definitely not involved with BEN SIMMONS nor with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

Source has not seen ROGER DICKERSON at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) office for quite some time and apparently DICKERSON is no longer affiliated with the BWC.

Louisville, Kentucky
August 16, 1974

On Friday, August 16, 1974, an individual named "SHABARA" (phonetic) who is a former Muslim and whose real first name is believed to be HERB, was looking for BEN SIMMONS. SHABARA indicated that it was extremely important that he contact SIMMONS and he was very excited. Source is aware that in the past SHABARA has had mental problems and on this occasion he appeared to be close to a nervous breakdown. SHABARA is described as:

Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 24
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Short
Complexion:	Medium

SHABARA indicated that he plans to return to the Muslims in the near future. SHABARA hangs around at Senators Bar located at 28th and Greenwood and also in Victory Park located at 28th and Kentucky. SHABARA belongs to a singing group called "The Royal Flush".

Source has not seen BEN SIMMONS for approximately one week.

Source does not know anyone named CHARLES A. ROGERS and as far as source knows, no one named CHARLES ROGERS has ever been associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) or involved in any other extremist activities in the Louisville, Kentucky, area.

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1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
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Louisville, Kentucky
July 25, 1974

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, BEN SIMMONS has not been by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office and ROBERTS has not seen SIMMONS for quite some time. ROBERTS indicated that neither he nor the BWC will work with any organization which SIMMONS is associated with because SIMMONS "hogs all the publicity". According to ROBERTS, when SIMMONS was with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), he got all the publicity he could for himself despite the fact that he and the KBPP did little actual work.

None of the individuals who hang out at the 4 Quarters Cultural Center have seen BEN SIMMONS for quite some time and no one admits to knowing where SIMMONS is.

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Louisville, Kentucky
July 26, 1974

BEN SIMMONS was seen on Friday, July 26, 1974, walking in the area of 18th and Dumesnil. He was with his wife, MYA, SIMMONS and MYA went to the store on the corner of Bardstown and Bonnycastle which store apparently caters to hippie types. According to SIMMONS, SIMMONS buys various articles from this store from which he makes African clothing and African jewelry which he subsequently sells. SIMMONS has some type of an arrangement with the owner of the store which enables him to buy the materials, which he purchases, wholesale.

On this occasion, SIMMONS referred to himself as ABDOL or ABDUL and advised that he could be reached at telephone number 778-1161, which is the telephone number of the 4 Quarters Cultural Center.

Source has heard that NORMAN KALFUS has jumped bond and is supposedly staying somewhere on 34th Street in Louisville.

An individual named JOHN WHITE runs a bookie joint on the corner of 18th and Broadway, behind the Walnut Street Chile Parlor. Street talk has it that WHITE is able to purchase stolen hand weapons and will in turn sell them.

Louisville, Kentucky
August 6, 1974

Recently BEN SIMMONS has been seen driving in a white over green late model Pinto, license number unknown. SIMMONS has recently expressed an interest in going to Nashville, Tennessee, in order to visit a few brothers with whom he is tight. On Thursday, August 1, 1974, SIMMONS stated he wanted to go to Nashville over the weekend. SIMMONS has not been seen since that time and it is not known whether or not he in fact went to Nashville.

SIMMONS has been very suspicious of anyone with whom he comes in contact and will not tell anyone where he is living or how to get in contact with him.

Through conversations with SIMMONS, it is evident that he and HERB JONES are still on the "outs".

HERB JONES is currently running around with an individual named JIMMY DUNLAP (phonetic), who lives on the southwest corner of 23th and Osage. When the KBPP used to have its office at the Hart Battery Company, source recalls that DUNLAP used to visit there.

ANTONIO KEMP and VILLANE DAVIS are currently running around together and have been seen recently at the 4 Quarters Cultural Center.

There is very little activity in the BWC and source knows of no planned activities by the BWC.

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- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
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Louisville, Kentucky
July 24, 1974

On Wednesday, July 23, 1974, there was a meeting at the Southern Star Baptist Church, which was called by Reverend KIRBY. This meeting was for the Concerned Citizens. The meeting was called regarding grievances that individuals who live in Village West have against the City, especially with regard to a break in one of the gas mains which lead to Village West. Also discussed at the meeting, were the problems that the garbage workers are having with the City. Busing to public schools was also discussed and most of the individuals at the meeting expressed dismay that the possibility exists that there will be busing.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has recently rented a bus and has made a couple of trips to the LaGrange Reformatory in order to visit prisoners there. ROBERTS again stated that in addition to giving relatives an opportunity to visit with inmates, he has hopes that the BWC will be able to make a study of prison problems, at LaGrange. ROBERTS stated the BWC is attempting to gain visitation rights for inmates which will enable them to leave the Reformatory on the weekends and can spend the weekends with their families throughout the state. The BWC continues to be run mainly by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and recently LEONARD ROBERTS has been active within the BWC. The BWC continues to attempt to begin a Youth Program, however, these efforts have been unsuccessful to date.

With regard to busing of school children, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has stated that in his opinion it is merely a scheme by the white power structure to close black schools and he is against busing.

Louisville, Kentucky
August 7, 1974

There is very little activity at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and in source's opinion, BWC has not been able to gather very much support from the black community. Source believes that the main reason for the lack of support is due to the fact that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is quite arrogant in his dealings with people.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1974, there was a meeting at the Church at 22nd and Chestnut Streets, at which time a Reverend ELLIOTT, as well as an individual from Atlanta, Georgia, spoke. The meeting concerned the possibility of another strike by City garbage collectors and City Firemen. ELLIOTT promised the people at the meeting that he has assurance from the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY that in the event there is a strike, ABERNATHY will come to Louisville in order to support the strikers.

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- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1384 (BAINES)
- 1 - 157-1753 (FANT)
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Louisville, Kentucky
July 12, 1974

KEITH FANT is currently residing at 517 East Walnut Street with his mother. FANT has obtained a job at Spalding College as a part-time maintenance man. FANT works during the morning hours, five days a week.

Source has received no further word from LARRY BAINES and has no idea as to BAINES' whereabouts.

There has been no further talk regarding making any type of move at the police sub-station at Southwick.

Source has had no contact with BEN SIMMONS and in recent conversations with HERB JONES, JONES has indicated that he has not had any contact with SIMMONS.

Individuals at the Four Quarters Cultural Center have indicated that they do not know where BEN SIMMONS currently is located, however, they believe that SIMMONS recently got married and did go to Atlanta, Georgia, in order to honeymoon.

There has been very little activity at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office and as far as source can determine, the BWC is almost defunct.

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- 1 - 100-6045 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1609 (LAWLESS)
- 1 - 157-1693 (PAC)
- 1 - 157-1721 (SPAC)
- 1 - 157-1871 (WOOD)
- 1 - 157-1886 (SLA)
- 1 - 157-1923 (SLOSS)
- 1 - 157-1943 (HENRY)

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Louisville, Kentucky
July 22, 1974

In recent conversations with former members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), it has been indicated that the KBPP is apparently dead inasmuch as BEN SIMMONS has not revitalized the KBPP as it had been hoped he would. No one seems to know where BEN SIMMONS is and in source's opinion there has been a general loss of confidence in BEN SIMMONS.

In a recent conversation with LEON LAWLESS, LAWLESS indicated that he is still very much interested in the party, however, LAWLESS feels that the party will not get off the ground again and that BEN SIMMONS has lost interest in the KBPP. LAWLESS stated that he has not heard anything from BEN SIMMONS for about a month despite the fact that he has left word around that if anyone sees SIMMONS that he wants SIMMONS to contact him.

In recent conversations with HERB JONES, JONES has indicated that he is no longer interested in the KBPP and that furthermore he and BEN SIMMONS are no longer on friendly terms. JONES did not indicate what the reasons were for the apparent bad feelings between himself and BEN SIMMONS.

There has been very little activity at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and as far as source knows, the BWC has nothing planned for the future.

This past weekend there was very little activity centered around the African heritage activities at the Belvedere. Source did not observe anyone from the BWC nor anyone from the KBPP on the Belvedere, however, source did see a few people from the Four Quarters Cultural Center who were selling some of their wares at the festival.

Source has had no contact with SYLVIA HILL nor with anyone else from the Sixth Pan-African Congress (SPAC) and as far as source knows there has been very little activity, if any, generated with regard to the Pan-African movement as a result of the SPAC.

Source has not heard anything with regard to RICHARD HENRY's being in Louisville, Kentucky.

Source does not know anyone named LARRY SLOSS and there was never anyone by that name associated with the KBPP.

Source has received no information regarding CORNELIUS MORRIS and as far as source knows, MORRIS is not active within the Louisville, Kentucky area.

As far as source knows there is no Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) activity in the Louisville, Kentucky area.

Source has heard nothing from LENNOX WOOD and as far as source knows, WOOD is not in this country.

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- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1246 (MOORE)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1923 (SLOSS)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On July 22, 1974, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that Kentucky license K68294 is subscribed to by CAROLYN STEVENSON, 2711 Virginia Avenue, to a 1967 Oldsmobile.

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Louisville, Kentucky
July 22, 1974

Source has not seen BEN SIMMONS for at least two weeks. SIMMONS has not been at the Four Quarters and no one seems to know where he is. ANTONIO KEMP has been at the Four Quarters quite a bit.

The individual known to source as BRYAN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) who was recently at a party and who was very interested in speaking to BEN SIMMONS and actually did speak to him at the party, is being sought by the Louisville Police Department apparently on drug charges. In a recent conversation with BRYAN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), he indicated that he is from Indiana.

There is next to no activity at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. As far as source knows, the BWC has no activities planned for the future.

According to HERB JONES' mother, HERB JONES is currently working at the University of Louisville although Mrs. JONES did not indicate in what capacity JONES is employed.

In a recent conversation with HERB JONES, JONES indicated that it is his belief that BEN SIMMONS is out of town. JONES indicated that he and SIMMONS are not talking because SIMMONS is very angry with JONES because of JONES' failure to provide SIMMONS with some literature which SIMMONS wanted printed up. JONES did not seem to care very much that BEN SIMMONS is angry with him.

On Thursday, July 18, 1974, source observed GORDON MOORE at the Federal Building in Louisville, Kentucky. JONES was driving a 1967 or 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass, gray with a black top, bearing current Kentucky license K68294.

Over this past weekend HERB JONES was seen both at Shawnee Park and on the Belvedere and was participating in a bicycle race as part of the scheduled events in the African Heritage Week. JONES was by himself and was not seen with any other KBPP members. On this occasion, JONES indicated that he has still not seen BEN SIMMONS but did state that it is his belief that ANTONIO KEMP might have some contact with BEN SIMMONS.

On Saturday evening, July 20, 1974, there was a dance at the University of Louisville, at which time ANTONIO KEMP was engaged in a conversation. KEMP was very guarded in her statements

with regard to BEN SIMMONS but did state that SIMMONS had been out of town but that SIMMONS has returned to Louisville, Kentucky. KEMP would not state where BEN SIMMONS is currently staying, however.

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- 157-755 (STEPHENSON)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1558 (WINFIELD)
- 1 - 157-1923 (SLOSS)

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July 21, 1974

There has been very little activity at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. On Sunday, July 21, 1974, there was a brief meeting at which time ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was present. Very little was said at the meeting. Most of the discussion centered around police brutality in the black community and what can be done about it. After the meeting in a personal conversation with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, ROBERTS indicated that things are "bad" in the black community because black people in Louisville, Kentucky, are still apathetic. It is source's opinion that the BWC will soon become defunct due to the lack of interest in the BWC and due to the fact that the BWC has done little to excite any interest in the organization.

As far as source knows, there was no one from the BWC at the African heritage events on the Belvedere this past weekend. Source observed HERB JONES and JOHN WINFIELD at some of the events, however, they were merely walking around and were not conducting any activities with regard to their association with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

Source is well acquainted with WALTER LEE STEPHENSON and as far as source knows, STEPHENSON has not participated in any type of extremist activities for several years.

Source is not acquainted with an individual named LARRY SLOSS and as far as source knows, SLOSS has never been associated with the BWC nor with the KBPP.

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- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-647 (HAWKINS)

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Louisville, Kentucky
June 17, 1974

On Sunday, June 9, 1974, at approximately 4:00 p.m., HERB JONES was at Shawnee Park. On this occasion JONES delivered an Adhoc speech to approximately 40 individuals at the park. JONES spoke about the garbage strike in Louisville, about BEN SIMMONS and the Louisville Seven and about the Police Sub-Station which is being constructed at Southwick. According to JONES the Police Sub-Station originally was supposed to have been a shopping center and in JONES' view, the black community needs a shopping center there more than it needs a Police Sub-Station. Many of the individuals listening to JONES were not aware that the shopping center idea had been abandoned and that the Police Sub-Station was being constructed. Some of the individuals expressed much anger and resentment at hearing this news.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1974, at approximately 10:30 a.m., there were approximately ten demonstrators in front of the courthouse. These demonstrators were led by SAM HAWKINS and demonstrated in favor of the striking garbage workers. There were no representatives from the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) or the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) at this demonstration. As far as source could determine, the only individuals who participated in this demonstration were striking garbage workers and a couple of black ministers. Source recognized two of the individuals who were demonstrating as being SAMMY ASHFORD and EDDIE LEWIS, both of whom are employed by the City of Louisville.

On Thursday June 14, 1974, at approximately 10:30 a.m., there were approximately nine individuals demonstrating at the courthouse. These individuals were again led by SAM HAWKINS. There were no representatives from the KBPP or the BWC at the demonstration.

BEN SIMMONS has not been seen in bars in the west end of Louisville for about two weeks. SIMMONS had been frequenting several of the bars in the west end and had taken these opportunities to "talk politics" to anybody who would listen to him. SIMMONS has apparently slowed down in his efforts to re-organize the KBPP in Louisville.

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- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1496 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1753 (FANT)

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Louisville, Kentucky
June 10, 1974

BEN SIMMONS indicated that he desired to attend the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) meeting which was scheduled for Monday night, 7:00 p.m. at 23rd and Oak Streets. The meeting was supposed to center around the BWC's free bussing to prisons program. Apparently the BWC is planning to, or has already begun, a free bussing program to visit prisoners at LaGrange, Kentucky. SIMMONS has expressed a keen interest in this program.

Louisville, Kentucky
June 12, 1974

According to KEITH FANT, FANT and BEN SIMMONS attended the BWC meeting on Monday night, June 10, 1974. According to FANT, there were many young blacks at this meeting who were favorably impressed with SIMMONS. The BWC, in addition to attempts to initiate a free busing to prisoners program, is also attempting to re-organize its youth program.

According to FANT, the BWC has actually begun a busing to prisons program (to LaGrange), however, apparently it has not been much of a success as yet.

Louisville, Kentucky
June 13, 1974

On Thursday, June 13, 1974, an attempt was made to locate BEN SIMMONS during the afternoon hours at the Four Quarters Cultural Center. SIMMONS never appeared at the Cultural Center and several individuals employed at the center indicated that SIMMONS is not really welcome at the center because the center is not a politically oriented establishment and SIMMONS has attempted to make it one and this has caused a great deal of resentment towards SIMMONS.

Louisville, Kentucky
June 19, 1974

On Tuesday, June 18, 1974, at approximately 12:30 p.m., HERB JONES' brother (SPEEDY JONES) was engaged in a conversation. JONES indicated that he is currently doing a lot of work with the BWC with respect to the BWC's attempt to begin a free busing to prisons program. JONES indicated that the BWC had, in fact, already begun the program and had made a trip to LaGrange on Saturday, June 15, 1974. JONES did not indicate how many individuals participated in the program, however, JONES did say that the BWC borrowed the Mount Zion Baptist Church bus for the trip.

JONES indicated that the BWC is currently holding meetings at the BWC Office every Monday and every Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m.

SPEEDY JONES indicated that HERB JONES has been attempting to contact BEN SIMMONS for over a week and has been unable to do so. SPEEDY JONES indicated that it is very difficult to contact BEN SIMMONS and despite the fact that SIMMONS has indicated that he is going to re-organize the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), SIMMONS has, in fact, done very little by way of re-organizing.

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- 1 - 100-4629 (YSA)
- 1 - 157-431 (EXSIT)
- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-647 (HAWKINS)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On Wednesday, 6/12/74, approximately nine individuals participated in picketing at City Hall in Louisville, Kentucky. These individuals claimed to represent the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) and they passed out a leaflet which source obtained and which is attached to a copy of this report designated for Louisville file 100-4629.

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**Louisville, Kentucky
June 19, 1974**

On Tuesday, June 11, 1974, at approximately 5:00 a.m., between 50 and 60 individuals met at Reverend ELLIOTT's church and from there they were taken to the Louisville Sanitation Office on Meriweather Street, where they picketed. Among the 50 to 60 individuals who participated in the picketing were Reverend ELLIOTT, Reverend KIRBY, MOSE RAPIER and SAM HAWKINS. The demonstrators merely walked in front of the Sanitation Department Office and sung hymns. Two individuals sat in front of the gate at the Sanitation Department and were arrested by the Louisville Police Department. Other than these two individuals who were arrested, there were no incidents. The picketing was conducted to show support for the sanitation workers who are currently on strike.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., most of the individuals went to City Hall where they demonstrated in front of the Mayor's Office. There were no incidents at this site.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1974, approximately 30-40 individuals met at City Hall where they again demonstrated by picketing. Only 10-15 individuals picketed at one time, the others remaining on the sidelines and then taking turns picketing. Source did not observe any individuals from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) or the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), however, there were nine individuals (all white) who claimed that they represented the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

On Thursday, June 13, 1974, the picketing was again conducted at City Hall during the morning hours. On this occasion, MOSE RAPIER and BOB CUMMINGS were observed amongst the picketers. SAM HAWKINS led the demonstrators and sometime during the course of the demonstration, left the demonstration and went to the Federal Building, where he claims to have done some type of research. After conducting this research, he returned to City Hall and armed with the information he had obtained as a result of his research, he attempted to obtain a warrant for the arrest of Mayor HARVEY SLOAN. HAWKINS was unsuccessful in this attempt although he apparently did discuss the possibility of obtaining such a warrant with one of the local judges, after returning to the demonstration.

After demonstrating at City Hall, most of the demonstrators were dispersed to various areas in the west end where they passed out literature in support of the striking workers.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 1974, there was a meeting at Reverend KIRBY's church which lasted until approximately 12:30 a.m., at which time the workers and various individuals from the black community expressed their views regarding the strike. Most of the comments were in favor of the striking workers.

On Friday, June 14, 1974, during the morning hours, there were demonstrations held at City Hall and at the Sanitation Department on Meriweather Street. An individual who apparently represented the City, addressed the demonstrators at City Hall and told them that they should report to work on Monday, June 17, 1974. SAM HAWKINS agreed that the workers would return to work on Monday, however, HAWKINS has indicated that the Sanitation Workers will go on strike again when their contract runs out later this summer.

Reverend ELLIOTT indicated that JOSEA WILLIAMS and Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY had been alerted with regard to the strike and both had indicated that they would come to Louisville, Kentucky, to support the strikers if necessary.

During the course of the demonstration, MOSE RAPIER and Reverend ELLIOTT had a falling out. This occurred as a result of approximately 12 individuals who participated in the demonstrations at City Hall on Wednesday, June 12, 1974. These individuals represented some organization (source does not know the name of the organization) and they were staying at the Seelbach Hotel. After participating in the demonstration on Wednesday these individuals indicated that they would participate again on Thursday, June 13, 1974, however, Reverend ELLIOTT met with these individuals on Wednesday night and these individuals never showed up on Thursday to participate in the demonstration. Reverend ELLIOTT indicated that these individuals had been in touch with someone in Washington, D.C. and had been advised that they should not participate in the demonstration again because this would hinder rather than help the strikers. MOSE RAPIER expressed the thought that Reverend ELLIOTT was lying and that ELLIOTT, in fact, discouraged these individuals from participating in the demonstration. RAPIER claimed that Reverend ELLIOTT had "sold out" the demonstrators on this occasion just as he had sold out the striking workers at the P. Lorillard Company a few months earlier.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information contained in attached report re current feelings in PDV toward LDP tactics furnished JOHN KIRKWOOD, LDP, on 6/25/74, by SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO.

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- 1 - 157-1112 (NOI)
- 1 - 157-995 (EXSIT-PDV)
- 1 - 157-1873 (MC NEALY)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 100-5465 (LTU)
- 1 - 157-1551 (ONE)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- 1 - 66-1826A

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Louisville, Kentucky
June 24, 1974

Sometime during the evening hours of June 21-22, 1974, three (3) separate posters or leaflets were pasted to the door of the Southwick Improvement Center, Park DuVall, Louisville, Kentucky. Above posters are described as follows:

"BLACK FREEDOM FIGHTERS - THOMAS SCOTT,
MICHAEL CLARKSON, NARVUEL TINSLEY, MICHAEL -
BLACK PEOPLE - ONE"

Photograph of black and white males with machine gun, shotgun and pistol, with the following wording printed below: "IT COMES TO THE POINT WHERE THERE'S ONLY ONE CHOICE - EITHER TO ACCEPT REACTIONARY SUICIDE OR REVOLUTIONARY SUICIDE. I'D ACCEPT REVOLUTIONARY SUICIDE"

Printed photograph of hanging of black man believed identical with photograph frequently displayed of Mississippi hanging during height of Ku Klux Klan activities with words "BROTHER" located on top of photograph and "LOOK" noted underneath photograph.

Leaflets similar to those described above reportedly have been distributed in some sections of Southwick, particularly in the Cotter Homes area.

Recently the Louisville City Housing Authority operating in the Southwick area has come under fire by both white and black outside agitators. Included in the above agitation are elements of the Louisville Tenants Union and Black Workers Coalition. At the present time, police over-reaction is of primary concern to residents of the Park DuVall Cotter Homes area. During recent weeks, young Louisville Division of Police (LDP) officers responding to routine calls have leaped from their police vehicles with drawn shotguns and have pointed them at residents at random, including young children. As a result of the above practice,

the Park DuVall area is "up tight". Older and more experienced LDP officers do not employ the above practice, however, apparently young LDP officers who are assigned to Park DuVall as a "punishment" for failure to perform in other police districts are employing the above tactics as a reactionary harassment to their own personal situation. Much tension has resulted because of the above tactics, and many residents are demanding that same is ceased.

Vandalism aimed at public bus transportation, including shootings and brick throwings have ceased in recent weeks. Feelings in the almost totally black Park DuVall community toward Mayor HARVEY SLOANE and his administration have noticeably changed in recent weeks. Many of SLOANE's campaign promises to black people, who were most instrumental in his election victory, have not been fulfilled, and the general feeling is that SLOANE "used" blacks to attain his present office. Prior to his election, SLOANE made personal promises to local leaders in Park DuVall, however, has not fulfilled same to date.

ANTHONY MC NEALY, former Nation of Islam (NOI) member, reportedly has been fired from Park DuVall Neighborhood Health Center, MC NEALY caused several problems while employed there, especially with female workers, using profanity and propositioning female employees. Many female employees grew fearful of MC NEALY and reported him for his aggressive attitude toward them.

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Louisville, Kentucky
June 5, 1974

According to BEN SIMMONS, SIMMONS met an individual on Saturday night, June 1, 1974 and bought a half-pound of gun powder from this individual. SIMMONS put the gun powder in the trunk of his car and the gun powder was stolen from the trunk. SIMMONS was greatly upset concerning this theft.

On Monday, June 3, 1974, KEITH FANT picked up some packages for HERB JONES at the Post Office. FANT then took the packages to CAROLLE MORRIS' house and while FANT went into the house to see MORRIS, someone stole the packages from FANT's car. Source does not know what was inside the packages however, they were addressed to HERB JONES and were from Commercial Lithographic Corporation, 40921 Elizabeth Street, Lima, Ohio telephone 419-223-9015.

BEN SIMMONS is of the opinion that someone is intentionally ripping off members of the party and has stated that he is going to be more cautious in the future concerning his activities.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) plans to start a free busing program to LaGrange and eventually to Eddyville Penitentiary. BEN SIMMONS has stated that he wants to participate in this program. Source is of the opinion that the BWC has been attempting to organize the busing program for at least two weeks, however, they have not been very successful because they have received very little response and also due to the fact that the BWC is currently experiencing financial problems. If, in fact, the busing program does get off the ground, they will travel only to LaGrange at first and if this program meets with success, they will later expand the program to Eddyville.

CAROLLE MORRIS claims that the BWC did send a bus to LaGrange on Saturday, June 1, 1974 and that she was on the bus. Source does not know whether or not MORRIS in

fact did participate in this busing program or if in fact, there was a busing program.

Despite the fact that BEN SIMMONS has expressed an interest in the BWC's busing program, no one from the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) has attended any BWC meetings in order to get more information concerning the program.

KEITH FANT is currently living at 520 East Walnut having moved from 521 East Walnut.

DENISE CLEMANS is currently residing at 1311 South 38th Street, Louisville. CLEMANS is the individual who was at DARRYL BLAKEMORE's trial and who expressed an interest in the KBPP. In a recent conversation with CLEMANS, she again stated that in the event the KBPP is re-organized in Louisville, she is interested in becoming a member.

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1-157-1469 (KBPP)
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Louisville, Kentucky
June 4, 1974

On May 30, 1974, there was a meeting at Reverend ELLIOTT's church in Louisville, Kentucky, in order to discuss the conditions at the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant. Approximately 25 people attended this meeting. ELLIOTT received some criticism at this meeting because some of the workers wanted ELLIOTT to contact the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY regarding the situation at the plant. The workers have requested that ELLIOTT invite ABERNATHY to Louisville in order to help the workers with their grievances against the plant. ELLIOTT has stated that he will consider advising ABERNATHY but in source's opinion, ELLIOTT seems hesitant to do so.

With respect to conditions at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) VANITA TINKER has not been around much lately. BRENDA ALLEN is currently working at a drug store on Seventh Street near Hill and has not been as active in the BWC as she had been. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS, ROGER DICKERSON and two or three new members of the BWC have been attending the meetings at the local churches and have at times voiced their opinions always in the name of the BWC.

SIRI HY GANDHI has also been attending many of these meetings at the churches and on several occasions she has been with members of the BWC.

PAT GRESHAM has also attended these meetings and most of the time she has been with a Negro male with gray hair who appears to be approximately fifty years old.

SIRI HY GANDHI is the head of an organization called Grass Roots and has recently opened an office for this organization somewhere around 28th and Greenwood. Source is not familiar with the organization Grass Roots, however, BOB CUMMINS has spoken highly of both the organization and of GANDHI.

The BWC has painted the front part of their office in red, black and green representing the colors of the African Liberation Movement.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is attempting to start a busing program in Louisville, Kentucky, in which there will be provided free busing to the LaGrange State Reformatory and eventually to the Eddyville State Penitentiary. As yet this busing program has not gotten off the ground.

At the BWC meetings, ROBERTS continues to talk regarding the boycotting of products manufactured by the Sunshine Potato Chip Company. ROBERTS is also trying to get the workers from the Enro Shirt Company and from Brown-Foreman to join the BWC in an attempt to increase the membership of the BWC. ROBERTS has used the approach that the BWC has helped these workers in their time of need and now that the BWC is low on membership and on funds, that they in turn can help the BWC. To date, this approach by ROBERTS has not been successful inasmuch as very few people have joined the BWC.

ROBERTS has expressed concern that the BWC recently has not been afforded very good press coverage by the local news media and has stated that he hopes to improve this situation.

[redacted] has been seen hanging out at a bar near 18th and Hill called Sammy's Place. [redacted] is usually seen with five or six girls and it is believed he is a pimp.

Source has not observed any members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) attending any of the BWC meetings. There is a rumor in Louisville that a Liberation Army is going to start in Louisville, however, source has not heard any of the details regarding this.

At the moment, talk concerning a Liberation Army in Louisville seems to be merely street talk.

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Louisville, Kentucky
May 6, 1974

In a letter to Mayor HARVEY SLOANE last week, Reverend KIRBY demanded that the City of Louisville hire more black policemen. This letter to the Mayor was in response to the shooting death of a black youth last year in the West End of Louisville by members of the Louisville Police Department. The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS continue to work very closely with the ministers in the West End of Louisville.

In source's opinion, the churches have taken the lead in fighting for black rights in Louisville. They have united their forces and at church services on Sunday morning are asking people to bring any grievances they might have regarding racial matters to their churches and to their ministers.

Meetings have been held at King Solomon Church and at the church of Reverend KIRBY on a continuing basis regarding various grievances that blacks have in Louisville. FRANK STANLEY has been at a lot of these meetings and has been very active in many of the actions which have come out of these meetings. It is source's opinion, however, that STANLEY is not the leader of the new coalition that has been formed in Louisville, but that the Reverend KIRBY and Reverend ELLIOTT are the leaders.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has continued to ask for help to picket the Sunshine Potato Chip Company, however, no decision has been made by the ministers as to whether or not they will support this picketing.

Source has observed SIRI HY GANDHI on several occasions visit a home on Patton Court at the Parkhill Projects in Louisville. On several of these occasions, GANDHI has been carrying a lot of papers which look like posters. In addition to viewing GANDHI at this home on Patton Court, source has also observed GANDHI quite a bit lately at the BWC Office.

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Questions busing demands

Brainwashing is the main technique that the white power structure uses to practice prejudice toward blacks and other non-white people.

For years we have heard expressions such as "You told a big black lie," or "You'll have bad luck if a black cat crosses your path" or "He's guilty of blackmail," "Let's blackmail him," or "If you're black, get back." White people made up all those phrases to project black as something bad. They wanted us to believe that nothing black could be good or positive.

Television contributes to their plot to keep our people hating themselves and each other. The news media is doing its part. Also, there is the "Uncle Tom," the traitor who stands out in front of us and tells us to "be nice," brother, "we're winning." That "Uncle Tom" is selling us out for the enemy for a handful of money. He's a tool being used in the brainwashing plot.

The school system is another way that they turn our heads. Our children are being robbed of their true heritage as they are growing up.

Black people must master definition in order to define what they want. For example, "Quality education" to a white man does not mean the same to a black man. The white man and his sidekick "Uncle Tom" will tell you that integration will bring about quality educa-

tion for black people. I ask you, "How can a black child get quality education in an all-white schoolroom, sitting in the rear, being made to feel inferior, getting up early to catch a bus to go all the way across town to learn about George Washington, a white man called the father of this country, who was in fact a slave-owner himself.

TOMMY BROWN

Member of the Black Workers Coalition
2300 West Oak, Louisville

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Louisville, Kentucky
April 30, 1974

Within the past week there have been several meetings at the King Solomon Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, regarding some type of incident at the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant in Indiana. Source is uncertain as to exactly what the grievances are, however, the grievances involve the apparent dismissal of one or more blacks and also some type of injuries to other blacks. Source is not sure if the dismissal and the injuries are related or if they are separate incidents.

Ministers in the Louisville area have taken an interest in this matter and they are trying to meet with company officials to resolve the grievances.

As far as source knows, the Civil Rights Coalition in Louisville, Kentucky, is nothing more than a group of concerned citizens and also interested black groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and others who respond to various incidents in the black community whenever the need arises. The meetings of the Civil Rights Coalition are generally held at King Solomon Baptist Church. It is source's opinion that the Civil Rights Coalition grew out of the meetings which were recently held at the King Solomon Baptist Church regarding the shooting of a 17-year-old black youth by the Louisville Police Department.

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- 1 - 157-927 (MLK)
- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1378 (EDMONDSON)
- 1 - 157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1619 (W. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1722 (GRESHAM)
- 1 - 157-1757 (CHANDLER)
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Louisville, Kentucky
April 23, 1974

On April 4, 1974, at approximately 10:00 AM, a memorial march was held in Louisville, Kentucky, commemorating the anniversary date of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. This march was sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). After marching for approximately an hour, people assembled at the Jefferson County Court House where approximately eight speakers addressed the crowd. There were between 150 and 200 people listening to the speakers.

These speakers included LEO LESSER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Reverend KIRBY, ROCHELLE EDMONDSON and an individual named CHARLES DIXON, who was from Memphis, Tennessee.

None of the speakers spoke in a militant fashion and there were no incidents at the march or during the speeches.

RON SLAUGHTER and MOSE RAPIER attended the march and this greatly upset ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. At one point ROBERTS confronted RAPIER and asked him what he was doing there, and RAPIER replied that he came to march for MARTIN LUTHER KING not for the BWC and especially not for ROOSEVELT ROBERTS.

Individuals at the march from the BWC included BRENDA ALLEN, DOROTHY ROBERTS, ROGER DICKERSON, JAMES CHANDLER and his daughter, WOODROW ROBERTS and LEONARD ROBERTS.

PAT GRESHAM was at the march and was apparently in the company of ROCHELLE EDMONDSON. GRESHAM, however, did not speak at the rally.

After the rally, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was particularly solicitous towards the many ministers who attended the rally. ROBERTS is attempting to gather their support in order to strengthen the image of the BWC. This tact by ROBERTS represents a complete reversal on his part inasmuch as in the past he had been extremely critical of ministers and of organized religion in general and had spurned their support.

Representatives from the BWC passed out leaflets advocating the boycotting of Gordon's Potato Chips. A copy of this leaflet is attached hereto.

ATTENTION

You Black brothers and sisters are the future leaders of the Black community. Please play your part to help get liberation and economic citizenship for our people in our community.

PLEASE!!! DON'T BUY
SUNSHINE GORDON'S
Potato Chips, OR ANY
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Thank You.
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Louisville, Kentucky
April 5, 1974

On April 4, 1974, at approximately 10:00 AM a memorial march was held at Louisville, Kentucky commemorating the anniversary of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. Above march was sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). At approximately 11:30 AM, marchers assembled on the front steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse where several speakers addressed them.

LEO LESSER, who served as Master of Ceremonies, indicated that the memorial service was being sponsored by the "Black Workers Coalition, an affiliate of SCLC" and the "Kentucky Chapter of SCLC." Marchers carried a sign reading "Do you remember Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING?"

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, BWC Chairman, spoke briefly concerning BWC efforts to eliminate racism in hiring practices at P. Lorillard Company, Louisville, Kentucky. ROBERTS stressed the need for blacks to organize and work together to eliminate racism, noting that during the walk-out of workers at P. Lorillard Company, during August, 1973, only six workers remained together thus rendering the walk-out virtually ineffective. ROBERTS noted that problems still exist at P. Lorillard today because of the lack of unity expressed during the initial walk-out. ROBERTS noted that if more persons had united and remained responsive to the needs of P. Lorillard Company workers during August, 1973, there would not be any problems at that plant today. ROBERTS further noted that some BWC members plan to travel to Brandenburg, Kentucky to aid black brothers devastated by the recent tornado that struck that community.

ROBERTS attacked proposed busing to achieve racial balance posing the question "What will happen to black children when an all white environment is thrust upon them." ROBERTS noted much publicity has been given to white protests against busing of white children into black school areas, however, similar concern exists among black people.

Following ROBERTS, Reverend CHARLES KIRBY addressed the crowd which was approximated at about 150 persons. KIRBY indicated that racism still exists in America today and the "Do Nothing Congress" is taking absolutely no action to eliminate same. KIRBY criticized RICHARD NIXON was a "do wrong" President and blamed social illnesses existing in the United States today on the NIXON administration. KIRBY spoke of the busing issue and black employment at Louisville, Kentucky, asking for additional Federal aid in calling for more jobs for black people. KIRBY spoke as a representative of SCLC.

Following KIRBY, ROCHELLE EDMONDSON, who was introduced as President of "Operation Grassroots" addressed the crowd. EDMONDSON talked about the recent tornados throughout Kentucky indicating that repair of storm damage will undoubtedly be made first in Eastern Jefferson County since people living in that area are affluent and control the purse strings of government. EDMONDSON further indicated that the Red Cross Hospital, which served primarily black medical needs has been closed down due to financial difficulties, however, a new hospital has been proposed for construction in the Eastern Boulevard area of Louisville, Kentucky, a predominantly white neighborhood. EDMONDSON expressed concern over the construction of this hospital noting that same would provide medical services for white people only while medical facilities for Louisville black people continue to decrease in availability and decline in quality.

EDMONDSON stressed the need for black people to organize, not in a militant fashion, but in an enthusiastic, workable manner, suggesting that persons interested in helping themselves economically and socially become involved in "Operation Grassroots".

Following EDMONDSON, LOUIS COLEMAN, local President of the Urban League, addressed the crowd. COLEMAN spoke of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING praising his effects in integration.

COLEMAN noted that KING's dream has never been fully realized and that blacks should strive for freedom by making themselves economically independent and educationally qualified.

LEO LESSER, serving as Master of Ceremonies, mentioned that a recent passage of a bill by the Kentucky Legislature setting aside MARTIN LUTHER KING's birthday as a holiday is but a small victory in the fight for recognition. LESSER warned against general apathy on the part of blacks resulting from self-satisfaction which might be derived from passage of the above-mentioned bill. LESSER then introduced CHARLES DIXON, described as Regional Director of the Equal Employment Commission, Memphis, Tennessee. DIXON spoke concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, his life and efforts. DIXON noted that the only way to honor MARTIN LUTHER KING is to continue the fight against racial discrimination on the local community level.

At approximately 12:30 PM, the above-described memorial service was terminated. Prior thereto, a collection was taken up by several individuals in the crowd who passed hats. It was announced that \$36.36 had been collected. During the collection, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS yelled at passing white pedestrians pleading with them to contribute to the black community for schools, hospitals and other badly needed facilities. ROBERTS urged those in attendance to contribute stating that funds would be divided equally among the BWC, SCLC and "Operation Grassroots."

No violent or inflammatory statements were made during the entire ceremony, and no so-called "black militants" were observed in attendance.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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On February 19, 1974, BRENDA ALLEN, 2510 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky, requested a parade permit for the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky (776-6481). ALLEN described the BWC as an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and indicated that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, 1410 Wills Court, Louisville, Kentucky (774-5267) would be in charge of the parade which is to be held at 10 AM on April 4, 1974. Above parade is to terminate at approximately 3 PM and reportedly will be comprised mainly of people walking along the following route:

Assembly area will be at 10th and Walnut Streets; west on Walnut Street to 13th Street; south on 13th Street to Chestnut Street; east on Chestnut Street to River City Mall; north on River City Mall to Jefferson Street (vehicles will proceed east on Chestnut to Second Street, north on Second Street to Jefferson Street and west on Jefferson Street meeting up with marchers at River City Mall and Jefferson Street.); west on Jefferson Street to Jefferson County Courthouse where speeches and rally will be held.

Dispersal will take place at the Jefferson County Courthouse following speeches. Approximately 10,000 persons and 40 vehicles are expected to participate in the above-mentioned march according to BRENDA L. ALLEN.

Purpose of the above-mentioned march is believed to be in connection with the commemoration of the anniversary of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING on April 4, 1968. License for the above parade was issued to BRENDA ALLEN and the BWC for the purposes set forth above.

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Memorial service for Dr. King is set

The Black Workers Coalition and the Kentucky Southern Christian Leadership Conference are planning a march and memorial service for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today, the sixth anniversary of the civil rights leader's assassination.

According to Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the workers coalition, the march will begin at 10 a.m. at 10th and Walnut streets. The marchers will go west on Walnut to 13th Street, south on 13th to Chestnut, east on Chestnut to Fourth, north on Fourth to Jefferson, and west on Jefferson to the county courthouse.

There will be an address there by Charles H. Dixon, of Memphis, regional director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The Rev. Leo Lesser, of the city-county Human Relations Commission, will act as master of ceremonies.

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THE REV. DR. RALPH ABERNATHY TO LOUISVILLE,

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A copy of the program relative to the speech given by Dr. ABERNATHY is attached to the copy of this report designated for 157-90.

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COVER PAGE

Louisville, Kentucky
March 11, 1974

The Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY arrived in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, March 8, 1974. ABERNATHY arrived at Standiford Airport at approximately 5:00 PM and held a press conference. Meeting ABERNATHY at the airport were the Reverends LESSER, ELLIOTT, ALLEN, KIRBY and MILLER.

After ABERNATHY held a press conference, he entertained questions from individuals who were present. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was at the airport and entered into a discussion with ABERNATHY regarding the problems blacks are encountering in Louisville, Kentucky, and in the United States in general. In talking to ABERNATHY, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS referred to whites as "honkies" and when ABERNATHY responded to ROBERTS he advised ROBERTS that he (ABERNATHY) does not like to use words like "honkies" and stated that anyone associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) does not use such words. ABERNATHY also told ROBERTS that the SCLC is for poor people, both black and white, and not for black people exclusively. He also advised ROBERTS that he does not want to see the SCLC sign on the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) window any longer because the BWC is not affiliated with SCLC. ABERNATHY stated that a lot of people have been using the SCLC name but that in many instances these individuals or organizations are not, in fact, affiliated with the SCLC, and ABERNATHY wants to see an end to this practice. ABERNATHY was not angry with ROBERTS but was extremely firm.

ABERNATHY also admonished ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and the BWC for the manner in which they conducted their protest activities at the Algonquin Shopping Center. ABERNATHY obviously had some knowledge of the BWC's activities with respect to the Algonquin Shopping Center because ABERNATHY mentioned these activities first without any prompting from ROOSEVELT ROBERTS.

DOROTHY ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS and JAMES CHANDLER were with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS at the airport but did not enter into the discourse between ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and the Reverend ABERNATHY.

On Friday, March 8, 1974, Reverend ABERNATHY spoke at the Galilee Baptist Church, 18th and Oak Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. The program began at approximately 7:00 PM and ended at approximately 11:00 PM. The entire program was called, "A

Conference on Black Issues".

Approximately five hundred people attended the program. Reverend ABERNATHY, in his speech, emphasized that the Constitution is on the side of the black man and that the main problem in the United States today is that the Constitution has not been lived up to and in ABERNATHY's view, the main responsibility of black people in the United States is to see that the Constitution is lived up to with respect to equal rights of black people. At no time did the Reverend ABERNATHY advocate violence. ABERNATHY emphasized that people in the black community must help themselves before they can gain complete equality. Commenting on the racial situation in Louisville, Kentucky, ABERNATHY was of the opinion that Louisville, Kentucky, is worse than Alabama with respect to racism.

There were several local speakers at the conference, all of whom were supposed to be limited to speaking for a period of four minutes. One of the speakers was ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who exceeded his time limit by several minutes. When ROBERTS was introduced to the audience, there were some boos from the audience. ROBERTS was the only speaker to receive any boos from the audience. ROBERTS announced that the BWC plans to picket the Sunshine Potato Chip Company starting sometime this week. ROBERTS asked that anyone who was interested in joining the picketing of the Sunshine Potato Chip Company should contact the BWC Office. According to ROBERTS, the BWC is going to picket the Sunshine Potato Chip Company because the company is discriminatory in its hiring practices regarding blacks and also because on a recent occasion the company fired some black people without cause. ROBERTS also discussed police brutality in the West End of Louisville, stating that it was rampant and that the black community should put an end to it. ROBERTS also stated that the BWC has hopes of getting a youth group started once again and asked for the audience's help in this endeavor.

The following individuals were observed at the conference:

Sister KATHLEEN FLAHERTY
MOSE RAPIER and his wife
JIMMY COX
BRENDA ALLEN
WOODROW ROBERTS
LEONARD ROBERTS
JAMES CHANDLER.

There were no incidents at the conference.

Kentucky Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Presents



Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy
National President
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

"A CONFERENCE ON BLACK ISSUES"

In Memory Of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

7:00 P.M.
Friday, March 8, 1974

Galilee Baptist Church
18th and Oak Streets
Louisville, Kentucky

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies Rev. W.C. Larkin,
Pastor, Brown Memorial C.M.E. Church

Song Mass Choir
Mr. David Anderson, Religious Director, WLOU,
Directing

Scripture Rev. Allen H.L. Randolph,
Pastor, R.E. Jones United Methodist Church

Invocation Rev. S.T. Robinson,
Pastor, Guiding Star Baptist Church; Moderator,
Central District General Association

Song Mass Choir

Offertory Appeal:

Rev. James Miller, Pastor, Lampton Baptist Church
Rev. B.S. Ransom, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church;
President, Ministerial Coalition
Mr. Herman Hayden, Trustee, Southern Star Baptist
Church
Mr. David McConico, Deacon, King Solomon Baptist
Church

Words of Welcome:

Mrs. Seretha Summers Tinsley, Representing William
Summers, III, WLOU
Rev. G.T. Allen, Pastor, Galilee Baptist Church

(All Local Speakers limited to 4 minutes)

PHASE I

Local Overview:

Rev. Louis Coleman, Director of Housing and Urban
Affairs-Urban League
Rev. W.J. Hodge, Pastor, Fifth Street Baptist Church,
Director of Urban Affairs-N.A.A.C.P.

PHASE II

Introduction of SpeakerRev. Chas. E. Kirby,
Pastor, Southern Star Baptist Church, State President,
Kentucky Southern Christian Leadership Conference

National EmphasisRev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy,
Pastor, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta,
Georgia; National President Southern Christian Lead-
ership Conference

PHASE III

Thrusts from Local and State Black Leaders:
Rev. Chas. Elliott, Pastor, King Solomon Baptist
Church; President Christian Benevolent Associa-
tion

Mr. Roosevelt Roberts, President, Black Workers
Coalition

Reactions of Local and State Leaders

Introduced by Mr. Frank Stanley, Jr., Managing Editor,
The Louisville Defender

The Honorable Wendell Ford, Govenor,
Commonwealth of Kentucky

The Honorable Harvey I. Sloane, Mayor,
City of Louisville

The Honorable Todd Hollenbach, County Judge,
County of Jefferson

Song "We Shall Overcome" Mass Choir

BenedictionRev. Leo Lesser, Jr.,
Pastor, Community Methodist Church; Member,
Human Relations commission

We wish to express our profound appreciation to:

Rev. G.T. Allen and congregation for the use of their facilities.

Little David Anderson for his tireless effort.

Mr. William Summers, III, President of WLOU for promotion of this program.

The Christian Benevolent Association.

The N.A.A.C.P. and Ministerial Coalition.

The Urban League.

And to everyone who came.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 6, 1974

On Tuesday, March 5, 1974, at approximately 7:00 PM, there was a meeting held at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. This meeting was a community meeting, and the discussion centered around poor housing conditions in the Louisville, Kentucky area. Source observed TONY MOORE and KEITH FANT at this meeting.

HERB JONES was recently engaged in a conversation. JONES indicated that he is attending the Mary D. Hill School located at Seventh and Kentucky. JONES stated that he is taking up printing. JONES has not heard from BEN SIMMONS and has no idea where SIMMONS is at the present time. JONES indicated that communications are bad between himself and other Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) members and ex-members.

When asked whether or not he (JONES) was attempting to start up the KBPP again in Louisville, Kentucky, JONES was equivocal. He stated that in a way he is attempting to begin the KBPP again and stated that he and some other individuals are hanging out at the Four Quarters Cultural Center at 3723 West Broadway. He stated that these other individuals are in a way "community helpers" and "in a manner of speaking they could be considered Panthers". JONES indicated that one of the individuals who is a so-called "community helper" is ROGER DENNY.

Source gained the impression that JONES was not very enthusiastic about allowing former KBPP members to become involved in his current activities. It is source's judgment that JONES likes "being the boss" and fears that if former KBPP members begin hanging out at the cultural center, they will usurp his authority.

Despite the rumor that the individuals at the Four Quarters Cultural Center at 3723 West Broadway were going to be kicked out on Friday, March 1, 1974, apparently they were not kicked out because of the fact that as of Wednesday, March 6, 1974, they were still in the office.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 5, 1974

Black churches in the Louisville, Kentucky area have been taking up collections in order to defray the cost of the visit of Dr. RALPH ABERNATHY to Louisville, Kentucky, on March 8, 1974. It is expected that ABERNATHY will talk mainly on the recent shooting and killing of a black teenager in the Louisville, Kentucky area. It is anticipated that Mayor SLOAN and Chief of Police NEVINS will be invited to attend the ABERNATHY meeting.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) office continues to be closed during the daytime. An individual named RUFUS SCOTT, who apparently is associated with the BWC, had been attempting to start a youth program for the BWC, however, he was unsuccessful and apparently has given up in this attempt.

Meetings continue to be held at the King Solomon Baptist Church regarding the shooting of a black teenager. Sister KATHLEEN FLAHERTY has been observed on several occasions attending these meetings.

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Louisville, Kentucky
February 25, 1974

On Friday, February 22, 1974, LEON LAWLESS was engaged in a conversation at which time he indicated that HERB JONES has been discussing starting up the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) once again in Louisville, Kentucky. According to LAWLESS, JONES and quite a few other people are "hanging out" at a location somewhere around 38th Street, and LAWLESS intimated that this was "more or less" the new Panther office.

KEITH FANT was recently fired from General Electric

Source has been by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office on several occasions, and on each occasion, the office has been closed and nobody has been around.

Source has not seen PAM (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) and has no idea where she is or what she is doing.

There was a lot of talk in the black community, especially in the West End of Louisville, regarding the recent shooting and killing of a black youth by a Louisville police officer. Sentiment is running high in the black community concerning this shooting especially in the West End.

Source has seen CAROLLE MORRIS and VILANNE DAVIS hanging out together recently, and they appear to be very friendly.

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Louisville, Kentucky
February 28, 1974

The "hangout" which LEON LAWLESS appears to have been talking about where HERB JONES and a lot of other individuals are hanging out at the present time is the Four Quarters Cultural Center located at 3723 West Broadway. On Thursday, February 28, 1974, a Negro female who identified herself as BARBARA MASON, arrived at the Four Quarters Cultural Center and opened it up at approximately 11:45 AM. According to MASON, a cultural center is used to make necklaces and bracelets and other "African garb" in order to sell in the black community. MASON indicated that whoever is using the cultural center is being evicted this coming Friday and she also indicated that there would be some type of demonstration on Friday to protest this eviction.

MASON indicated that HERB JONES and several other individuals who are associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) have been hanging out at the cultural center. An individual whom MASON only identified as "one of HERB's dudes", stopped by the cultural center for a brief time, and this individual indicated that HERB JONES would probably be at the center sometime later that day. According to BARBARA MASON, CAROLLE MORRIS and PAT GRESHAM have been hanging out at the center quite a bit.

In a recent conversation with CAROLLE MORRIS, MORRIS indicated that she is living with her sister at 730 East Liberty Street. MORRIS also stated that she is going to school and that the school is located somewhere around 7th and Hill. MORRIS indicated that HERB JONES is going to the same school and that JONES is taking offsetting printing while she is taking shorthand and typing.

MORRIS indicated that MIKE CLARKSON is still in jail somewhere in Florida, and that no one has heard from him. She also stated that BEN SIMMONS is believed to be in Florida and has not been in touch with anyone in Louisville.

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Doesn't want child bused

As a black parent concerned not only about the welfare of my child, but also the welfare of all black children, I must voice my opinion concerning the busing issue.

I am totally against busing. I will not let my son be bused into a white community where he will not be able to learn because he will have to use his energies to combat harassment from his classmates and racist attitudes from the faculty.

I feel that busing would be most detrimental to any black child and I would only be a contributor to the inevitable failure of my son if I send him into a community that will reject him for any reason including education.

Busing is not the issue; it is only a cover-up for the true problem of education for black children. Once we begin to deal with the lack of concerned teachers, educational facilities, and a concrete curriculum which will deal not only with reading and writing, but also, the problems that black children will face as adults, the busing issue will be resolved.

SONYA RAMSEY, Member
The Black Workers' Coalition
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Sees procreation necessary

I'd like to congratulate the writers of the Saturday night, February 16, episode of "Owen Marshall, Counselor at Law," on Channel 32. The program was super beautiful, that is, if poor people (especially black women), got the point. It sure set a lot of things straight about how much thought and consideration a young girl (older ones too) would put on becoming sterile. Don't people know that children are the key to our very existence? Reproduction must not stop.

Why, the buffalo is almost extinct because of one of man's greedy blunders. Don't you want know that if women stop having babies it would be only a matter of years before a whole race, or even a whole nation of people would die out — cease to exist?

Wake up, people, and take a look around and see what's happening in and to this country.

Ms. ROBIN RAMSEY, Member
The Black Workers' Coalition
2300 W. Oak, Louisville

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- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1609 (LAWLESS)
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Close contact has been maintained with source regarding the recent bank robberies in the Louisville, Kentucky area. On these occasions, source has been displayed bank surveillance photographs and source has provided lead information regarding these bank robberies. This information has been orally furnished to the appropriate case Agents.

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Louisville, Kentucky
February 25, 1974

LEON LAWLESS has been pushing drugs lately and in addition has been getting "high" quite a bit himself.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) seems to be pretty much defunct inasmuch as the office is almost always closed. Despite the fact that the BWC is not very active, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS apparently still is attempting to carry on a campaign in the black community for the black community to boycott Gordon's Potato Chips.

CAROLLE MORRIS and VILANNE DAVIS have been hanging out together quite a bit recently. There is some talk that DAVIS and MORRIS are "queer for each other". On several occasions when males have paid attention to VILANNE DAVIS, CAROLLE MORRIS has become quite upset and this has led to some of the talk concerning their relationship.

In recent conversations with HERB JONES, JONES has indicated that he is still not interested in the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) and is more interested in getting himself together. LEON LAWLESS has intimated that LAWLESS and HERB JONES are trying to get the KBPP back together again, however, JONES has never mentioned anything about this.

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- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
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Louisville, Kentucky
February 20, 1974

On Monday, February 18, 1974, there was a meeting held at the King Solomon Church. This meeting was led by the Reverend ELLIOTT and concerned the recent shooting of a 17 year old youth by the Louisville Police Department (LPD). There have been one or two meetings at King Solomon Church concerning the shooting for the past several weeks. Another meeting is scheduled Friday night, February 22, 1974.

It was announced at one of the meetings that Reverend KIRBY arranged for RALPH ABERNATHY to come to Louisville on March 8, 1974, in order to speak regarding the shooting. It is believed that Reverend KIRBY is in some way associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The discussions at the meetings at the King Solomon Church as mentioned above concerned the shooting of the 17 year old youth. As yet no one has advocated any violence, and most of the discussions concerned ways in which another shooting similar to the first could be avoided. Reverend ELLIOTT is attempting to get other churches involved in the discussions, specifically the Greater Salem Baptist Church.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has not been represented at any of the meetings which source has attended, however, source noted that BRENDA ALLEN, of the BWC had been at one or two of the meetings, however, she is there as an individual and not as a representative of the BWC.

According to source, the BWC has been very inactive of late, and is almost defunct. Source also stated that ROGER DICKERSON is no longer affiliated with the BWC.

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Information concerning WALTER COLLINS,
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- 1 - 157-1724 (COLLINS)
- 1 - 157-726 (THOMAS)
- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
- 1 - 157-1697 (BEARD)
- 1 - 157-1206 (WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 157-1481 (J. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 100-3533 (A. BRADEN)
- 1 - 100-3346 (C. BRADEN)
- 1 - 100-6071 (H. GREEVER)
- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 100-6299 (SCOTT)
- 1 - 100-5258 (BRIDGES)
- 1 - 157-1381 (HOUCHI)
- 1 - 157-1477 (G. T. ALEXANDER)
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Louisville, Kentucky
February 13, 1974

JAMES HENRI WILLIAMS is currently involved with the Black Student Union (BSU), at the Jefferson Community College in Louisville, Kentucky. The BSU is attempting to reserve the belvedere during Derby Week, 1974, for the holding of a black arts festival. The City administration officials do not desire to reserve the belvedere for this purpose and negotiations are still being conducted along these lines. There is a large amount of activity that transpires at the BSU, but most of it evolves around "rap" sessions.

CLEO (Last name unknown) (LNU), (probably CLEO GULLY), currently attends Jefferson Community College and also frequents the BSU there.

He has known WALTER COLLINS, current Executive Director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, since approximately 1968 when COLLINS was an organizer for SCEF in the New Orleans area. He met COLLINS when the latter resided at the residence of CAROL THOMAS in Louisville on seven or eight occasions in and since 1968. He described COLLINS as an extremely brilliant individual and who is one of the first blacks to attend Louisiana University.

ANN BEARD is no longer connected with the Plymouth Settlement House, but is employed or has some connection with the Four Quarters at 3723 West Broadway.

JUDI SIMMONS is currently not involved in much of anything. He does not know if she is employed or not and believes she is currently residing somewhere on Brook Street, Louisville, with a white female.

He has not been able to determine what ANNE BRADEN is currently doing, however, CARL BRADEN is currently devoting most of his time and energies to the Training Institute of Propaganda and Organization (TIPO).

Louisville, Kentucky
February 15, 1974

WALTER COLLINS was seen at the office of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, on February 14, 1974. COLLINS is residing in a small room located in the rear on the second floor and which room is next to the office of COLLINS. In conversations with COLLINS, the latter indicated he is attempting to raise funds at the present time and that SCEF almost totally collapsed under the executive director leadership of HELEN GREEVER. COLLINS is attempting to get the organization back on its feet financially. Concerning SCEF's involvement, COLLINS indicated they are going to stay involved in work surrounding the migrant farm workers such as the Amalgamated Farm Workers Union and other union activity. He also indicated that SCEF might possibly work side by side with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC).

The whole SCEF staff has been rearranged. THERESA BRIDGES is no longer employed by SCEF, but has been replaced by a black female, age approximately 25 - 26, 5'6" tall, weighing approximately 200 pounds.

EARL SCOTT is still employed at SCEF and is working downstairs in the SCEF building in the printing department.

There is another white woman, age 30's, very tall, and heavy set, who is doing some typing for SCEF. She also has short blond hair and wears glasses hanging from her neck.

Source volunteered his services to COLLINS, furnished him with his current address and COLLINS indicated he would begin mailing him literature from SCEF.

During the course of a conversation with COLLINS, he received a long distance telephone call and talked with a person source surmises to have been VIRGINIA COLLINS. COLLINS further indicated his main function with SCEF as the current executive director is to strengthen the organization.

He has never heard of one Dr. DUNG HOUCI, a person described as age 39, who formerly resided at 627 South Preston Street, Louisville, and is a former medical student at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville, Kentucky
February 19, 1974

Source visited WALTER COLLINS at the office of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, on Sunday and Monday, February 17 and 18, 1974. COLLINS indicated the organization is leaning more towards the working class and he is personally going to bring in four or five people from the New Orleans area with whom he previously worked. He did not identify either of these individuals.

Their conversation included HELEN GREEVER, the former executive director of SCEF and COLLINS indicated that he and GREEVER did not get along well. He categorized her as not having any organizational talent. He said she was the reason for the almost demise of SCEF.

Louisville, Kentucky
February 22, 1974

Source visited with WALTER COLLINS at the office of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, February 20, 1974, and prior to his leaving indicated he would stop by again and see COLLINS on the forthcoming Sunday. There was not much conversation had during this visit.

Also on the preceding Wednesday, he met and talked with G. T. ALEXANDER on Fourth Street in Louisville. G.T. indicated he was not doing anything at the time and speculated about the possibilities of getting a new group in operation involving different people and with a different structure than that formerly had by the Kentucky Black Panther Party.

Although he has not seen BEN SIMMONS of late, he talks to JUDI SIMMONS occasionally. From conversation with G. T., he does not believe he is the same person politically. He now appears somewhat shy and is not nearly as strong in his political beliefs.

A person by the name of MATTHEW PORTER is currently residing with CAROL THOMAS at her residence on the corner of Sixth and Hill Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. PORTER is a black male, age 23, 6' tall, 220 pounds, and has recently been released from the West Virginia Penitentiary.

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157-1219
Martin Luther King's birthday

We've already decided.

In regard to a news article in The Times of January 30: King State Holiday would rectify past injustices."

It stated that "Mayor Sloane has in-



cluded the proposal bill among the city's legislative proposals to the General Assembly, and that Norbert Blume, Julian Carroll, Wendell Ford, all support legislation."

Let me inform white readers and ignorant black people that January 15 is in fact a legal holiday right now. Blacks across the country aren't concerned about a piece of paper approved by whites in high offices that say, "Ya'll can have one holiday for one of your own?"

Legislation failed for lack of support in 1972 but this year, support of millions of Black men, women, and children in the country have made that decision themselves.

TOMMY BROWN
 Black Workers Coalition
 2300 W. Oak St., Louisville

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Sees press 'distortions'

The black community has grown tired of the news media toning down issues that are of importance to the community. Small coverage on vital issues, articles placed strategically to escape the reader's eye, printing only partial press releases, just to name a few ways the media keeps the complete truth from the community.

Black people coast to coast are demanding that the truth be printed and aired without rearranging words to change meanings of articles, cutting portions of discussions that can warp the meaning of the discussion.

Prove me wrong, news media.

WILLY LACY, Member,
Black Workers Coalition
2300 W. Oak, Louisville

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- 1 - 157-1547 (FUGETT)
- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
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Louisville, Kentucky
January 4, 1974

On Thursday evening, January 3, 1974, LEON LAWLESS was engaged in conversation. At this time, LAWLESS indicated that he had learned that BERNICE JONES had been busted along with several other people in New York. LAWLESS did not know what the charges were against BERNICE JONES.

LAWLESS indicated that he recently got out of jail on a charge of armed robbery but did not provide any further details regarding same.

According to LEON LAWLESS, LAWLESS and CAROLLE MORRIS are now romantically involved, and according to LAWLESS, he and CAROLLE MORRIS spend a lot of time together "getting high". LAWLESS indicated that CAROLLE MORRIS is currently attending school in order to learn typing so that she can get a job as a business secretary.

LAWLESS indicated that RICK OLIVER supposedly has returned to Boston in order to give himself up to the parole authorities in Boston.

According to LAWLESS, JUDI SIMMONS is prostituting herself for a friend of his (LAWLESS'). LAWLESS stated that his friend is a pimp who hangs out at the Western Pancake House and that JUDI SIMMONS is spending a lot of time at the pancake house with his friend. Source believes that it is possible that LAWLESS is telling the truth about JUDI SIMMONS inasmuch as source recalls that prior to meeting and becoming romantically involved with BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS was a prostitute.

WALTER COLLINS is currently the Executive Director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

Louisville, Kentucky
January 9, 1974

In a recent conversation with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, ROBERTS indicated that he is trying to "clinch a deal with someone in New York" and according to ROBERTS, if the deal comes through, it will "really open Louisville's eyes".

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS did not elaborate on what he meant by any of these statements and seemed rather hesitant to expand upon it when pressed by source.

J.J. FUGETT is working at a recently opened go-go joint called "The Flame", which is located around 19th and Broadway.

TO: SAC, WFO (157-4690)
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- 1 - 157-1301 (B.SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1481 (J.SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1544 (CONWAY)
- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1701 (KPPC)
- 1 - 157-1704 (IAPWSDC)
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January 7, 1974.

On Friday, January 4, 1974, WALTER COLLINS was observed at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) along with ANNE BRADEN. On this occasion, according to WALTER COLLINS, COLLINS recently talked to QUEEN MOTHER MOORE, who is associated with the Sixth Pan-African Congress (SPAC). COLLINS allegedly had this conversation with QUEEN MOTHER MOORE somewhere in North Carolina where they were both attending some type of rally.

COLLINS stated that he is very interested in the SPAC and is interested in becoming a delegate to the SPAC in June, 1974.

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 11, 1974

WALTER COLLINS is currently staying at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and as far as source knows, does not have an apartment.

In addition to WALTER COLLINS, the individuals who daily work at SCEF are ANNE BRADEN, PENNY LANE, who acts as a secretary, and an unidentified black female who is employed as a filing clerk.

The main project which SCEF is currently working on is the ALBERT WAMSLEY (phonetic) case, arising out of Richmond, Virginia. SCEF is attempting to get influential people to call the Governor of Virginia on behalf of WAMSLEY.

According to WALTER COLLINS, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is pushing for a work stoppage at Philip Morris and some of the other large plants in the Louisville area, with regard to the birthday of MARTIN LUTHER KING. COLLINS stays in fairly close contact with the BWC.

On Friday, January 11, 1974, DOUG ATKINS was engaged in a conversation, at which time ATKINS indicated that there would be a meeting in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, January 12, 1974, and ATKINS expected SYLVIA HILL, COURTLAND COX and JUDI CLAUDE to be at the meeting in order to discuss what COURTLAND COX has been doing with respect to the International Steering Committee. ATKINS also indicated that there will be a meeting for the Executive Committee on January 26 and January 27, 1974, however the place for this meeting is as yet undecided.

Louisville, Kentucky
January 15, 1974

According to BRUCE CONWAY, CONWAY has received applications for the Sixth Pan-African Congress (SPAC) from SYLVIA HILL, which CONWAY plans to send out to individuals who are interested in attending the SPAC.

According to WALTER COLLINS, COLLINS does not plan to participate in the motorcade in honor of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but COLLINS stated that he does plan to speak at a church in Louisville, Kentucky. COLLINS did not indicate at which church he planned to speak. COLLINS also mentioned that he had heard there is suppose to be some type of demonstration at the P. Lorillard Company in honor of KING's birthday.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1974, between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, JUDI SIMMONS was at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). SIMMONS occasionally stops by SCEF just to see what is going on. SIMMONS indicated that she has not heard from BEN SIMMONS at all and does not know where he is.

Activity at SCEF at the current time is very limited. There is no activity at SCEF with regard to the Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC) nor with respect to the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC).

Source could provide no information regarding WALTER LEE STEPHENSON.

Louisville, Kentucky
January 18, 1974

DOUG ATKINS was engaged in a conversation on Thursday night, January 17, 1974. According to ATKINS, there was a meeting in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, January 12, 1974. The meeting concerned a report given by COURTLAND COX regarding his activities surrounding the International Steering Committee. ATKINS mentioned that in addition to himself and COURTLAND COX, JUDI CLAUDE and SYLVIA HILL attended this meeting.

According to ATKINS, SYLVIA HILL and JUDI CLAUDE have not worked out details with respect to the time and place for the next North American Steering Committee meeting and thus, since they have not reached a determination with a regard to these details, the meeting will, in all likelihood, be postponed until February 1 and February 2, 1974.

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 21, 1974

HENRI WILLIAMS was recently engaged in a conversation at the University of Louisville. WILLIAMS is currently a student at the University of Louisville. WILLIAMS indicated that CAROLLE MORRIS is currently residing either with WILLIAMS or somewhere very near him. WILLIAMS intimated that he and CAROLLE MORRIS are romantically involved. WILLIAMS did not indicate where he is currently residing, however, he did state that his current telephone number is 772-7970. (The current volume of the Louisville City Directory reflects that telephone number 772-7970 is registered to a J.H. WILLIAMS).

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The 'only' energy solution

Blacks in America have learned that Africans and Arabs are also members of the Third World (black race). Knowing this, they realize that they are NOT a minority but in fact a majority race of people.

This fact has made millions of blacks across the country resent Nixon's use of tax money to fund Israel.

When America ceases to discriminate, exploit, incarcerate, mistreat, misuse and openly murder Afro (black) Americans, and when Israel gives back all stolen Arab land, the energy crisis could and would end.

This is the easy and only way out.

TOMMY BROWN
Member Black Workers Coalition
2300 W. Oak, Louisville

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1/15/74 AND BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)

RALLY HONORING MLK, 1/15/74, LS, KENTUCKY.

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On 1/16/74, JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Department of Police (LDP) advised that 1973 Kentucky vehicle tag L70-587 is currently registered to GEORGE THOMAS ALEXANDER, 1017 South 40th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, for a 1973 Volkswagen. (C)

Information re possible NOI show of support for local NOI leader ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS on 3/11/74, at Louisville Police Court, Louisville, Kentucky, was telephonically furnished CHARLES MOORE, Police Advisory Unit, LDP, Louisville, Kentucky, on 1/16/74. (C)

On 1/16/74, CHARLES MOORE, supra, advised that ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS did appear in Louisville Police Court on 1/15/74 at which time the charges of KRSP was Filed Away with Leave (FAWL) and the charge of CCDW was continued to 3/11/74. (C)

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[Louisville, Kentucky
January 16, 1974] (c)

At approximately 5:00 PM on January 15, 1974, a rally was held at the corner of 30th and Michigan Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, in commemoration of the birthday of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Approximately thirty persons participated in the above rally, six of whom were white. MOSE RAPIER, RON SLAUGHTER and SISTER KATHLEEN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) were present at the rally. Although the rally was held at P. Lorillard and Company, the theme of the rally was strictly the commemoration of the birth of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Speakers addressed those in attendance concerning the success that had been realized by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) at P. Lorillard earlier this year in connection with BWC demands that P. Lorillard and Company hire more blacks. RAPIER commented that the issue at P. Lorillard and Company was another example of how blacks have overcome obstacles, citing the leadership of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING for inspiration. Between each short speech, songs were sung by those in attendance and statements were read concerning the achievements of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING. (c)

Literature was distributed during the above-mentioned rally describing same as a rally to "witness justice", sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Louisville, 651 South 17th Street, Louisville, Kentucky. RAPIER noted that a parade permit had been issued to conduct the above-mentioned rally. (c)

G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS, former Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) members, were observed travelling in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 15, 1974, in an orange 1973 Volkswagen, bearing 1973 Kentucky vehicle tag L70-587. (c)

At approximately 8:10 PM on January 15, 1974, a regularly scheduled Nation of Islam (NOI) meeting was held at Muhammad's Temple of Islam (MTI), 1823 South 39th Street, Louisville, Kentucky. ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS presided over the above-mentioned meeting and normal routine business was discussed. NOI members present were informed by ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS that he had been summoned to Louisville Police Court on January 15, 1974, in connection with a gun charge. ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS noted that he must return to Louisville Police Court on March 11, 1974, in connection with the same charge. WILLIAMS noted that STERLING NEAL, who reportedly is the owner of the weapon ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS had in his possession at the time of his arrest earlier this month or during December, 1973, was present in the courtroom but refused to speak out concerning the weapon and how same had come to be in WILLIAMS' possession. WILLIAMS urged all NOI members present to attend (c)

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his court hearing on March 11, 1974, and to show their support for him in the "white devils'" courtroom. WILLIAMS referred to STERLING NEAL as being "dirtier than the white devils" trying him, inasmuch as NEAL could have spoken out in front of the judge and explained to him that the weapon seized from WILLIAMS had been possessed by WILLIAMS with the consent of NEAL, thus negating the charge of carrying a concealed stolen weapon. WILLIAMS appeared infuriated at NEAL for his lack of support and blasted NEAL for not coming forward before the presiding judge and telling the latter how the weapon had come to be in WILLIAMS' possession, thus causing the judge to dismiss the charge. (c)

Present at the above-mentioned NOI meeting were ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS, LESTER X., JAMES X. CRAWFORD, LEON X., PAUL X., and PHILLIP X. MC NEALY. (c)

No NOI members from Cincinnati, Ohio, were believed to be present at the above-mentioned NOI meeting. LESTER X. discussed a new method he has devised in selling fish and NOI food stuffs locally in Louisville, Kentucky. LESTER X. noted that he has obtained a hand-cart which he keeps in his truck and utilizes to sell food stuffs door-to-door. LESTER X. noted that he has been experimenting with the cart during the past week and seems to be very satisfactory. (c)

Located on 39th Street outside the MTI was a yellow van-type truck, bearing unknown Ohio vehicle tags, with some type of lettering on the side. This vehicle is believed to belong to somebody affiliated with the NOI, however, nobody present at the above-mentioned meeting was observed to depart the area in same. (c)

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- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
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On 1/11/74, JOHN KIRKWOOD, Police Advisory Unit, Louisville Division of Police, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that 1973 Kentucky vehicle tag L5-888 is currently registered to ANDREW LEE HILL, 503 Village West, Louisville, Kentucky, for a 1965 American VIN H314596.

Review of the 1973 Louisville City Directory reflects that one CAROLYN STEPHENSON resides at 503 Village West, Louisville, Kentucky (Index CAROLYN STEPHENSON in LS 157-1401).

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 9, 1974

During the period December 28, 1973 through January 9, 1974, the Nation of Islam (NOI) continued to conduct normal routine meetings at Muhammad's Temple of Islam (MTI), 1823 South 39th Street, Louisville, Kentucky. No significant matters were discussed at meetings occurring during the above period on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Local NOI members travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 6, 1974, to attend an NOI meeting at MTI 5.

LESTER X. reportedly resides in the vicinity of 13th and Walnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, directly across from an International Harvester truck facility. LESTER X. is believed to reside in Apartment 501 on an unknown street located within the Village West complex. An Avis rental truck is frequently observed in front of LESTER X.'s apartment, and on occasions in the recent past, ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS has also been observed thereat.

Recently JAMES CRAWFORD, LEON X., and PAUL X., were observed driving an Avis truck with unknown Michigan vehicle tag in the Louisville, Kentucky area. This same vehicle was observed parked in a driveway in the vicinity of South Western Parkway and Michigan Drive, Louisville, Kentucky. CRAWFORD was observed unloading some packages from the truck and delivering them into a house at that location.

RICHARD BARRETT and CLARENCE REED, who had previously flirted with the idea of becoming NOI members, have not been observed recently at any NOI meetings and may have lost interest therein.

During the week of January 1, 1974, local NOI members were observed selling the NOI newspaper, "Muhammad Speaks", on the River City Mall, Consolidated Stores, and other areas in the West End of Louisville, Kentucky. Persons specifically observed selling the above newspaper were JAMES CRAWFORD, LEON X., and "BROTHER LIEUTENANT", not further identified. ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS, ANDREW X. and PHILLIP McNEALY were also observed selling the NOI newspaper at Consolidated Stores during this period. ANDREW X. currently drives a 1965 white Rambler American.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a rally on January 3, 1974, at Gordons Potato Chip Factory at Louisville, Kentucky. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was present during the rally, which was attended by approximately fifteen to twenty persons due to the cold weather. According to ROBERTS,

Gordons Potato Chip Company recently fired two black females. ROBERTS contends that the Gordons Potato Chip Factory does not hire enough black employees.

ANDREW X. was observed on January 9, 1974, driving a 1965 Rambler American, bearing 1973 Kentucky vehicle tag L5-888.

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'Maude' episode: Another side

The January 7 episode of "Maude" was a pretty heavy picture, if you would see it for what it really was.

(The episode concerned a black child who was spending some time with a white family in a "better understanding" endeavor.)

I've heard of several programs where blacks from the ghetto are sent to spend time with upper middle-class and rich white people. There have been news specials on this subject, but never have I once seen a rich white sent to the ghetto to tough it.

Why doesn't the news media be so good as to sponsor a program filming the lives of some rich white youths staying in the ghetto with a poor black family for a couple of days?

You know, I think that both sides of every story should be heard, don't you?

HOWARD HOLBROOK, Member
Black Workers' Coalition
2300 W. Oak St., Louisville

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Black coalition's fund-raising tactics no match for Nixon's campaign team

Those in charge of financing for the 1972 campaign to re-elect President Nixon and the leaders of the Black Workers Coalition have at least one thing in common—both have been accused of using tactics that border on extortion in raising money to support their causes.

Merchants at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center made the accusation against the coalition last August when the organization was seeking funds to finance black-community social-welfare and economic projects.

The accusations against the 1972 Nixon campaign fund-raisers emerged during hearings before the Senate Watergate committee and in hearings in federal court. The charges were made by large contributors, who have been accused of illegally turning over money to the Nixon campaign in violation of federal election laws.

Federal law forbids the gift of any campaign contributions directly from a corporate treasury or from a labor union.

The two developments clearly point up the double standard that is often applied when the situation involves an individual or organization that happens to be black.

There was considerable editorial criticism of the coalition in the news media last summer when the extortion accusations were made against the organization by the merchants. The criticism persisted, although no formal charges were filed against the coalition and none of its members was arrested.

Outcry slow to develop

The reverse was true in the shenanigans of the Nixon fund-raisers. The outcry against their wrongdoing was slow to develop, although many connected with the fund-raising have been indicted and several corporation heads have confessed to illegal contributions to the 1972 presidential campaign.

I believe the difference in the treatment of the two incidents can be traced to the economic status and racial composition of the coalition and the Nixon campaign fund-raising group.

The coalition members are black, mostly low-income and have little political influence at the national or local level. Those in charge of raising funds for the 1972 Nixon campaign were nearly all upper-middle-class professionals, had considerable political and economic in-

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fluence, and represented powerful, national interests.

In my view, this is another example of unconscious racism. There was perhaps no conscious intent to impugn the coalition, but apparently there was no need to exercise restraint since a mistake in judgment against the local groups would not have the impact as an error would have in the case of the Nixon fund-raisers.

I don't condone the nefarious practice of extortion, but at least there should be equal treatment for those accused and some examination of the record before accusations are made.

Threats of picketing cited

The similarity in the two incidents ends with the extortion accusations. The controversy surrounding the coalition simply can not match the political chicanery, criminal activity and suspected high-level involvement is wrongdoing that has since emerged from the 1972 campaign to re-elect the President.

Several merchants in the shopping center, citing threats of continuous picketing if they didn't contribute \$100 a month to the coalition, said they would refuse to pay what they considered "extortion money."

But a representative of the Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp. of Louisville said his organization was making a continuous contribution to the coalition. He said the coalition did not pressure him directly, but added that the company felt the same sort of pressure as it does when contributions are sought by established community charity drives.

Some of the individuals associated with Mr. Nixon's re-election have been indicted in connection with the Watergate break-in at the national headquarters of the Democratic Party or in alleged at-

tempts to cover up the extent of high-up involvement in the break-in.

Former U.S. Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans have been indicted by a New York grand jury in connection with alleged illegal fund-raising activities in the campaign.

Pressure called a fact

One charge against the fund-raisers of using pressure tactics was made by a representative of the Gulf Oil Corp. during a hearing probing the firm's alleged illegal \$100,000 contribution to the campaign.

"It is a fact that the political system exerted pressure on corporations" for campaign money, said Cloyd Mellott, Gulf's lawyer, during the hearing.

George A. Spater, former board chairman of American Airlines, testified before the Watergate committee that he gave \$55,000 in corporate funds to the Nixon campaign because he was afraid not to.

The re-election contributions were not motivated by any high purpose, such as helping the poor or disadvantaged. In addition, the campaign ended up with a surplus of funds.

The Black Workers Coalition said it was seeking money to help finance a number of social-welfare and self-help projects in the black community in its negotiations with the merchants at Algonquin Manor.

The coalition has begun a number of programs to provide aid to the needy, sponsored some seminars that probed the problems of black workers, conducted an alcohol-abuse project and distributed food and clothing to about 150 needy families over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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Louisville, Kentucky
November 27, 1973

CAROLLE MORRIS is currently living at an apartment located at Cecil and Broadway, where she had been living with RICK OLIVER.

Source has attempted to contact HERB JONES in an effort to determine what, if any, activity the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is engaged in at the present time, however, source has been unable to get in touch with JONES.

KEITH FANT is currently employed at General Electric, FANT quit his job at the Illinois Central Railroad.

Source has attempted to make contact with individuals associated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), however, on each occasion that source has been by the office, the BWC Office has been closed.

Source knows of no De Mau Mau activities in the Louisville area.

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 20, 1973

On Thursday, December 13, 1973, source was at the court house in Louisville, Kentucky, and did not observe any type of demonstration. There were a few nuns at the court house but they were not carrying any signs and did not picket or demonstrate in any fashion.

CAROLLE MORRIS is currently staying with a girl friend somewhere on Garland Avenue between 34th and 35th Streets. The house is located on the south side of the street in the middle of the block, however, source does not know the exact address.

HERB JONES is out of contact with everyone who is or was associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). JONES has obviously lost all interest in the KBPP.

In a recent conversation with CAROLLE MORRIS, MORRIS indicated that sometime within the last month or so, she received a letter from BEN SIMMONS. Apparently the letter was written by SIMMONS prior to the time RICK OLIVER was picked up by the police because SIMMONS instructed CAROLLE MORRIS to contact HERB JONES and RICK OLIVER in order to tell them to contact BRUCE CONWAY. SIMMONS wanted CONWAY along with JONES and OLIVER to reorganize the KBPP in Louisville. MORRIS stated that since OLIVER was in jail at the time she received the letter and since HERB JONES has lost interest in the KBPP, she did not bother to carry out SIMMONS' instructions. MORRIS did not indicate where the letter was mailed from nor did she indicate if she knew where BEN SIMMONS currently is located.

Louisville, Kentucky
January 2, 1974

Source could provide no information regarding any type of demonstration conducted by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) against the Gordon Foods Company. Source stated that source has attempted to contact individuals associated with the BWC on several occasions, and on each occasion the BWC Office has been closed. Source noted that the BWC has very little community support and that it is very unlikely that the BWC would be able to conduct any type of major demonstration simply because they could not get enough people to participate.

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 27, 1973

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) recently picketed the Gordon Potato Chip Company, charging the company with discrimination against black employees. At the demonstration for the BWC were ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, his wife, DOROTHY ROBERTS, LEONARD ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, BRENDA ALLEN, JAMES CHANDLER and a few other individuals believed to be in some way associated with the Gordon Potato Chip Company.

ROBERTS is interested in demonstrating against the company again in the near future and is now attempting to drum up support for such a demonstration. However, to date, ROBERTS has been very unsuccessful in his attempts to get people interested in picketing against the company. ROBERTS is very angry with regard to the lack of support that he has encountered in the black community. ROBERTS has been especially interested in reviving the BWC's youth program in order to have the youth available to participate in BWC demonstrations; however, the attempts to rejuvenate the BWC's youth program has also met with failure.

ROBERTS claims that he has met with representatives from the Gordon Potato Chip Company but has not gained any satisfaction, and this is the reason why he wants to have future demonstrations.

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 20, 1973

MIKE WELCH is out of town at the present time. According to people at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), WELCH left Louisville soon after the meeting at the First Unitarian Church on Friday, December 14, 1973.

In a recent conversation with JUDI SIMMONS, SIMMONS claims that she is still employed by SCEF, however source has not observed SIMMONS at SCEF's office for a couple of months. According to JUDI SIMMONS, she claims that she has not heard from BEN SIMMONS for quite some time and does not know where BEN SIMMONS is. JUDI SIMMONS stated that she and BEN SIMMONS are not on speaking terms.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 21, 1973

An individual who identified himself as KEN WILLIAMS was at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) Office on Friday morning, December 21, 1973, answering the telephone. Various individuals telephoned SCEF asking for HELEN GREEVER and JUDI SIMMONS, and WILLIAMS advised these individuals who called that GREEVER and SIMMONS are no longer employed at SCEF.

HEEB JONES has apparently completely disassociated himself from individuals who are or at one time were associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). JONES is apparently avoiding all former KBPP members and when any of the former members telephone him and request that he recontact them, JONES never does recontact them.

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 26, 1973

WALTER COLLINS is occasionally observed at the pool hall at 19th and Broadway. On these occasions when COLLINS has been observed he has been rather hesitant to talk concerning his association with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

In a conversation with JUDI SIMMONS, SIMMONS indicated that she is concerned about GERONIMO (GARY GAYNOR) because she has heard that GERONIMO [REDACTED] SIMMONS stated that she is concerned about this because if it is true it represents quite a departure for GERONIMO [REDACTED]

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 27, 1973

HERB JONES claims that he is receiving some type of electronic training at a school or some type of training center, which he referred to as "Lincoln". The source is not familiar with a school or training center which is named "Lincoln."

On Thursday, December 27, 1973, HERB JONES went to the Community Action Commission (CAC) in an attempt to get some money to help him commute to his school. Apparently there is some type of grant which the CAC gives individuals who are engaged in the type of training that JONES is currently involved in.

JONES has stated that he is through with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) and has lost all interest in the KBPP and is currently trying to "get back on his feet". JONES stated that he is completely out of touch with KBPP members.

On Thursday, December 27, 1973, an attempt was made to contact MIKE WELCH at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), however, an unidentified individual at SCEF stated that MIKE WELCH no longer works for SCEF and can no longer be reached at the SCEF Office.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 28, 1973

On Friday, December 28, 1973, LEON LAWLESS was seen at 19th and Broadway and engaged in a conversation. LAWLESS stated that he is through with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) and judging from the questions which LAWLESS asked concerning former KBPP members, it was obvious that LAWLESS is no longer in touch with any KBPP members. LAWLESS was particularly interested in how DARRYL BLAKEMORE was doing and in the activities of HERB JONES.

LAWLESS seemed somewhat embittered concerning some charges which are currently outstanding against him and indicated that somehow KBPP members were responsible for these outstanding charges against him. LAWLESS did not indicate exactly what the charges were but stated that he believes he will be able to get them taken care of and that he probably will not have to serve any time.

Louisville, Kentucky
January 3, 1974

On Saturday, December 29, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was engaged in a conversation at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. ROBERTS asked a lot of questions about the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), and especially about BEN SIMMONS, G.T. ALEXANDER, and HERB JONES, stating that he would like to get in touch with these individuals, especially HERB JONES, if at all possible.

ROBERTS indicated that he has been in touch with individuals from New York who are associated with a group. Source believes that ROBERTS referred to the group as the "Carpets", although source is not sure if, in fact, that is the name of the group. ROBERTS indicated that individuals associated with this group from New York are supposedly going to come to Louisville, Kentucky, and that ROBERTS is going to meet with them. ROBERTS was interested in knowing if HERB JONES or any other KBPP member is familiar with this group.

ROBERTS indicated that the attorney for the BWC whom he said is an individual named BILL EVANS, is currently in New York talking with representatives from this group. According to ROBERTS, EVANS is supposed to return to Louisville on Wednesday, January 2, 1974.

There is very little activity at the BWC Office. Many times there is no one at the office during the day and if there is someone at the office it is usually a Negro female who acts as secretary for the BWC.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that the BWC recently picketed the Gordon Potato Chip Company and also indicated that he has had conversations with officials from the company. ROBERTS stated that he has taped all of the conversations that he has had with officials so that in the event the officials ever claim that he or the BWC has attempted to extort the company, he will be able to prove in court that this is untrue by merely producing the tapes. Source has listened to the tapes and indicated that the tapes are of very poor quality and are barely understandable.

ROBERTS indicated that ROGER DICKERSON is no longer associated with the BWC.

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Black coalition opens drive against Gordon Foods

By DENNIS POLITE
Louisville Times Staff Writer

The Black Workers' Coalition said yesterday it has begun a nonbuying campaign against the Gordon Foods Co. It charged that the company practices racial bias in employment.

About 12 members of the coalition picketed the company's offices at 1510 Algonquin Parkway for a brief period yesterday.

Joseph Abaecherli, general manager of the firm, was not available to newsmen when they tried to see him shortly before the pickets took up their stations.

Roosevelt Roberts, president of the coalition, said the company since July has told eight black workers they were being laid off when actually, he said, the company was firing them.

Roberts said representatives of the coalition held a meeting with Abaecherli in November and the manager let them see the employment folders of the persons allegedly laid off.

The information in the folders said the persons were fired, and were not to be rehired, Roberts said.

He said the demonstration yesterday was to call attention to the coalition's

plans for economic pressure against the company.

He said at least 20 firms in the West End have already agreed to take the Gordon products off their shelf in support of the nonbuying campaign. One of those businesses was doing \$100 a week in business with the Gordon company, Roberts said.

Roberts said the coalition contacted the New York office of the company in an effort to settle the dispute.

He said that after the black workers were told their layoff was due to a lack of work, other persons were hired in their place.

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Black protesters allege race bias at Gordon Foods

Charging that Gordon Foods Co. discriminates against Negro employees, about 12 members of the Black Workers' Coalition yesterday picketed the company offices on Algonquin Parkway.

Roosevelt Roberts, president, said the coalition also is urging people not to buy Gordon products. He added that at least 20 companies in the West End have agreed to stop selling the snack foods made by the firm.

Since July, Roberts said, Gordon Foods has told eight black workers they were being laid off, when the company actually fired all of them.

Last month coalition representatives met with Joseph Abaecherli, Gordon general manager, and he let them see the employment files of those workers, Roberts said, adding that the files showed the employees were fired and wouldn't be hired again.

The workers were told they were being laid off because there wasn't enough work, but others were then hired in their place, Roberts said.

Company spokesmen said yesterday that the firm is recovering from a fire last week at its warehouse and that they ~~would have~~ no comment at this ~~time~~.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM : SA

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☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

Black Workers Coalition (BWC) not very active. BWC has lost support of black community. Meetings poorly attended when held.

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? *No*☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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1-157-1757 (CHANDLER)
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Louisville, Kentucky
December 12, 1973

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has not been very active of late. They did pass out some turkeys and canned goods around the Thanksgiving Holidays but the amount that they gave away was not equal to the amount that they have passed out in past years.

The BWC continues to attempt to get a youth program re-established, however, they are not meeting with much success.

At present the core of the BWC membership is ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, his wife DOROTHY ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, BRENDA ALLEN and JAMES CHANDLER. WOODROW ROBERTS has definitely quit the BWC.

The BWC is currently repairing the upstairs portion of the BWC Office with hopes that once it is repaired and dressed up with new paneling that the BWC will be able to rent the upstairs

It is source's opinion that the BWC has lost most of its community support and is pretty much dead.

There has been no more demonstrations at the P. Lorillard Company and there is no talk of any more demonstrations at the company.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 19, 1973

On Thursday, December 13, 1973, MOSE RAPIER and four other workers from the P. Lorillard Company appeared in court and were fined \$500 and received a 6-month probation for their activities with regard to the demonstrations at the P. Lorillard Company. There were about 12 individuals in the courtroom who showed up to support the five defendants. There were several nuns, some clergymen, some of the people who had participated in the demonstration at the P. Lorillard Company, but who were not arrested, Reverend KIRBY's secretary and JIMMY COX. Other than COX there was no one in the courtroom from the BWC. JIMMY COX was in the courtroom not as a representative of the BWC but merely as a friend of MOSE RAPIER.

Reverend KIRBY's secretary, whose name is not known, was very upset with the sentence and caused a minor disturbance in the courtroom.

The BWC continues to try to re-establish its youth group and it appears there is an individual who supposedly is a judo instructor who will instruct any children who become involved with the BWC's youth group. Despite this fact, the BWC has not as yet been able to get the youth program off the ground again.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS continues to criticize MOSE RAPIER however at the same time he is hopeful that MOSE RAPIER will come back into the organization along with RON SLAUGHTER and BOB CUNNINGHAM. Since RAPIER, CUNNINGHAM and SLAUGHTER have left the organization, the organization has suffered. Neither RAPIER, CUNNINGHAM nor SLAUGHTER have any intentions of returning to the BWC however because they do not like ROOSEVELT ROBERTS personally and do not like the way he has run the BWC.

In recent weeks the BWC has attempted to hold meetings on Sundays, however, these meetings were very poorly attended, usually no more than six people at the meetings. During the week, the office is open only occasionally and when it is open it is only open for short periods of time.

According to MOSE RAPIER and JIMMY COX, who recently spoke with JAMES CHANDLER, according to CHANDLER the BWC plans to begin picketing of Kroger's in the near future due to what the BWC claims to be discriminatory hiring policies by Kroger's. According to MOSE RAPIER and JIMMY COX, CHANDLER is not as active in the BWC as he once was and will probably not remain with the BWC for much longer.

ROGER DICKERSON is not very active in the BWC any more, however, on Thanksgiving he did stop by the BWC Office with a couple of turkeys and some canned goods to contribute to the BWC's food distribution program.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Source advised a local Muslim is occasionally selling juice and fish at W. Thelma food Market, 4132 W. Broadway.

The Black Worker Coalition is currently petitioning for support of a protest against Golden's Potato Chip Co. 234 Pike.

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Louisville, Kentucky
November 27, 1973

CAROLLE MORRIS has been hanging out at the Infirmary, a bar located at 22nd and Broadway where the Club Louvillian used to be. CAROLLE MORRIS is very friendly with VILANNE DAVIS, and source has seen MORRIS and DAVIS together on several occasions. VILANNE DAVIS is currently driving a green Dodge Charger.

There has been no demonstrations at the P. Lorillard Company for a couple of months, and there is no talk about having any more demonstrations at the company.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 3, 1973

On Saturday, December 1, 1973, CAROLLE MORRIS and VILANNE DAVIS were together and were engaged in a conversation. MORRIS and DAVIS agreed that the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) "messed up" a lot of people, especially DARRYL BLAKEMORE inasmuch as BLAKEMORE is confined at the Kentucky State Penitentiary at Eddyville, Kentucky. Both DAVIS and MORRIS indicated that they have no interest in the KBPP any more.

DAVIS indicated that she plans to travel to Detroit sometime in February, 1974, in order to take up residence there with some man. She did not indicate what this individual's name was.

CAROLLE MORRIS has decided that now that she is through with the KBPP, she wants to return to school.

Source could provide no information regarding De Mau Mau, and as far as source knows there is no De Mau Mau activity in Louisville.

Source noted that the green Charger which VILANNE DAVIS rides around in bears current Kentucky license J143274.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 10, 1973

On Friday, December 7, and Saturday, December 8, 1973, during the afternoon hours, source stopped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. On both occasions the BWC Office was closed and there was no activity at all at the office. In conversations with people who live in the neighborhood, it was learned that there is very little activity at the BWC Office any more and apparently people have completely lost confidence in the BWC and many individuals refer to the BWC as a "do nothing" organization.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 12, 1973

On Wednesday, December 12, 1973, source dropped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office and spoke with a secretary at the office. Source inquired as to whether or not the BWC was planning to have a rally at the court house on Thursday, December 13, 1973, and the girl indicated that she knew nothing about any rally.

MIKE WELCH's current telephone number is 589-4129.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1973, JUDI SIMMONS was engaged in a conversation at which time SIMMONS indicated that an individual named MICHAEL CARR was expected to arrive in Louisville, Kentucky, from New York on Thursday, December 13, 1973. Source gained the impression that there was some type of activity scheduled for Thursday and Friday night although JUDI SIMMONS did not indicate the exact nature of this activity.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 13, 1973

According to MIKE WELCH, he and a few other people held a press conference on Thursday, December 13, 1973, in order to publicize a Louisville political forum. WELCH indicated that the press conference was held with Channel 32 in Louisville.

WELCH stated that there was going to be a coffee clatch on Thursday at 4:30 PM at the Rodeway Inn in order to discuss the impeachment of President NIXON. WELCH also indicated that an individual named CARL LIGHTFOOT and another individual named SUSAN POST would be speaking at the First Unitarian Church at Fourth and York on Friday night, December 14, 1973, regarding the impeachment of NIXON.

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BWC Clothes And Feeds

By Susan Brown
Defender News Editor

The Thanksgiving Week Program of the Black Workers Coalition clothed and fed about 150 people, in addition to those that are fed and clothed year-round in its Martin Luther King, Jr. Crisis Program.

Last week, amidst bags of groceries and tables with clothing, Roosevelt Roberts, the group's chairman, said, "This is just a really concerted effort to get to people we don't get to throughout the year."

This is the third year for the group's program and members of the group were busy packing grocery bags and distributing them by car to needy families in various neighborhoods around Louisville.

All of the items were donated by people in the community, including merchants. The people who received the food and clothing--both adults and children--were interviewed beforehand by members of the Coalition who determined the extent of their

need (usually according to the size of the family) and distributed the items accordingly.

"We are going to have to give some families a turkey and a chicken in order to feed the whole family. I interviewed one woman with fifteen children, all living at home," said Roberts. He noted that while they were feeding and clothing as many people as possible, it was impossible for any group to get to everybody in need.

The work of distributing the goods is handled by volunteers. The group doesn't stick to any particular area of the city, "just where we can find the need," said Roberts.

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 10, 1973

The present membership of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) consists of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, ROGER DICKERSON, DOROTHY ROBERTS, BRENDA ALLEN, SONYA HAMSEY, J. CHANDLER, WOODROW ROBERTS and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' father whose first name is not known.

Recently the BWC took most of its files out of the office for fear that the office would be vandalized and the files stolen. Some of the files were taken to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' home and others to J. CHANDLER's home.

PAT (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), a Negro female who used to be a secretary at the BWC Office, is currently working as a secretary at the Southwick Project.

Louisville, Kentucky
October 29, 1973

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has been trying to cultivate the friendship and confidence of Reverend ELLIOTT. ROBERTS is trying to convince Reverend ELLIOTT to support the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) with regard to the BWC's fight against police brutality. ROBERTS would also like to have ELLIOTT associated with the BWC because Reverend ELLIOTT is much respected in the black community, and the BWC has lost the confidence of the black community, and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS sees this as one way to restore faith in the BWC.

Recently Sister KATHLEEN FLAHERTY was engaged in a conversation at which time she was very critical of the BWC because according to FLAHERTY, the BWC is "all talk and no action."

ORVILLE GERTON was also engaged in a conversation recently and GERTON was also very critical of the BWC. According to GERTON, he was recently arrested and placed in jail and the BWC did nothing to help him get out despite the fact that they claimed they would help. GERTON stated that he wants nothing more to do with the BWC.

Some of the nuns who used to be associated with the BWC have been meeting with MOSE RAPIER in an attempt to help RAPIER and some of the other individuals who have been fired from their jobs at the P. Lorillard Company, to regain their jobs. There have not been any demonstrations at the P. Lorillard Company for over a month. According to MOSE RAPIER, the workers are now attempting to negotiate with the company in an attempt to get their jobs back, and some of their grievances they have against the company are taken care of.

WOODROW ROBERTS and J. CHANDLER have apparently dis-associated themselves from the BWC. Neither has been seen around the office very much. ROGER DICKERSON supposedly is still affiliated with the BWC, however, he has not been seen at the office very often.

On October 11, 1973, some nuns as well as individuals associated with the BWC and some of the workers who had been fired by the P. Lorillard Company met at the Plymouth Settlement House to discuss the progress which was being made with respect to settling the grievances at the P. Lorillard Plant. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and the BWC would like very much to inject themselves into

the dispute between the workers and the P. Lorillard Company, however, the workers are resisting any such attempts by the BWC.

RON SLAUGHTER was recently engaged in a conversation at which time he stated that he is currently residing at the Owens Apartments located on 17th Street between Gallagher and Hale Streets. SLAUGHTER is no longer associated with the BWC.

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BEN SIMMONS and G.T. ALEXANDER have decided that they are going to concentrate on improving conditions at the Jefferson County Jail and also on exposing police brutality. In conjunction with this, on Wednesday, October 3, 1973, SIMMONS and ALEXANDER attempted to meet with HELEN GREEVER at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). They attempted to arrange a meeting with GREEVER through JOHN WINFIELD. However, according to JEANETTE BAILEY, who works at the SCEF office, GREEVER is out of town and not available for any type of meeting.

Also on Wednesday, October 3, 1973, SIMMONS and ALEXANDER attempted to meet with representatives from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) in an effort to talk with them regarding jail conditions and police brutality. SIMMONS and ALEXANDER were unsuccessful in their attempts to talk with anyone at the BWC because the BWC's office was closed.

SIMMONS has told JOHN WINFIELD that he wants WINFIELD to talk to WALTER BOAGS concerning jail conditions and police brutality in the hopes that BOAGS will unite forces with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) and hopefully SCEF and the BWC will also join forces with the KBPP to combat police brutality and deplorable jail conditions. SIMMONS wants to arrange a meeting with representatives from SCEF, BWC and BOAGS in order to discuss possible plans of action.

SIMMONS has stated that when the KBPP opens up a new office, he wants the office to be located somewhere around 34th and Broadway. SIMMONS did not indicate exactly why he desires this location, however, source speculates that SIMMONS wants to keep an eye on SCEF and on JUDI SIMMONS.

SIMMONS has indicated that he has decided that the KBPP will retain its name rather than choosing a new name once the reorganization is complete.

Source does not know where BEN SIMMONS is staying, however, source does know that on Wednesday night, October 3, 1973, SIMMONS slept at HERB JONES' home on Osage.

SHIRLEY (Last Name Unknown) still is very much interested in the KBPP. Source has observed SHIRLEY (LNU) along with another Negro female allegedly doing research work concerning the conditions at the Jefferson County Jail.

BEN SIMMONS has stated that he wants all members of the KBPP to assume African names.

Despite the fact that BEN SIMMONS apparently has no visible means of support, he always seems to have money on his person. SIMMONS has been paying for the cost of gasoline for KBPP members' cars and on occasion has purchased food for other KBPP members. On one occasion source recalls that SIMMONS bought lunch for a total of ten individuals, which cost him over twenty dollars.

HERB JONES has mentioned something about either applying for or just getting into some type of training school. Source has no further details regarding this school.

BEN SIMMONS has indicated that he would like KBPP members to start signing in as they had done in the past. SIMMONS has instructed KBPP members to telephone JOHN WINFIELD at WINFIELD's home in order to sign in. Source speculates that this is more talk than anything else on SIMMONS' part and no one is really taking the signing in seriously.

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McCrory's, a target of picketing by black group, hires Negro boss

By JERRY HICKS

Louisville Times Staff Writer

McCrory's, a chain department store in Algonquin Manor that has been a target of picketing and boycott activities by the Black Workers Coalition, has hired a black manager. 157-129, Num. Ref

McCrory's reportedly is the first store in Algonquin Manor to hire a black manager.

He is Louis W. Anderson, 27, who was formerly manager of a McCrory's store in Dayton, Ohio. Anderson has been in Louisville four weeks.

He replaces Robert E. Leigh, who has been transferred to a McCrory's store in Elizabethtown, Ky. The Black Workers Coalition had demanded that Leigh be replaced.

McCrory's, which has its headquarters in York, Pa., had sent another black manager to its Algonquin Manor store about six weeks ago, but he left after only a few days on the job. One store manager at Algonquin said the man had decided not to move his family. 157-131-1485 Num. Ref

George Burney, head of a group called PRIDE, which has been involved in negotiations between merchants at Algonquin and black groups, called McCrory's move to hire a black manager "a step in the right direction."

Algonquin Manor is just off Algonquin Parkway and Cane Run Road. For several years a majority of its customers have been black people.

Several other store managers at Algonquin said they believe McCrory's is the first store to have a black manager since the shopping center opened in 1960, but they aren't sure.

The Black Workers Coalition held a seven-week boycott of the McCrory's store beginning in June, in addition to almost daily pickets.

As a result of the coalition's activities and as a result of negotiations with the merchants since then, the Algonquin Merchants Association has set up a program of monetary contributions to the black community through a screening committee of community representatives. The merchants reportedly are not making payments directly to the Black Workers Coalition. The coalition had previously demanded that each merchant pay them \$100 a month.

The picketing and boycotting began after a black employee of the store was fired. In negotiations with McCrory's officials out of York, Pa., the employee was offered her job back. She did not take it. Neither the Black Workers Coalition nor

the McCrory's officials would disclose the terms that ended the picketing.

Several black community representatives, including people from the Black Worker Coalition, Burney said, will hold a welcoming gathering for Anderson tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the McCrory's store. Burney said this would also include a press conference to formally announce Anderson's arrival.

Anderson, whose wife and two children have not yet joined him, said he thinks Louisville is "great."

"Everything has gone fine so far," he said.

Anderson was trained in managerial work by McCrory's. He has been employed by the firm for five years.

He said he has not yet been informed of any activities of the merchants' association.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, has been apprised of the information contained in this report regarding "Black Friday". Detective MOORE verified the fact that MOSE RAPIER had been to the mayor's office and had informed BILL SUMMERS, one of the mayor's assistants, that there was going to be a "Black Friday" on Friday, 9/21/73, at the P. Lorillard Company.

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Louisville, Kentucky
September 17, 1973

The workers at the P. Lorillard Company have been having meetings with company officials. The company has indicated that they may take all of the black employees who were fired as a result of the demonstration back, with the exception of MOSE RAPIER.

The employees continue to demonstrate almost every day at the plant, however, the demonstrations are beginning to be poorly attended. Source had occasion to stop by the office of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) on Saturday, September 15, 1973, and Sunday, September 16, 1973. On both occasions BRENDA ALLEN and VANITA TINKER were the only ones at the office and there was no activity observed.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 20, 1973

According to MOSE RAPIER, the employees at the P. Lorillard Company are going to have a "Black Friday" at the P. Lorillard Company on Friday, September 21, 1973, beginning at 2:00 PM. RAPIER stated that leaflets will be passed out and there will be speeches given by various individuals. The purpose of "Black Friday" is to appeal to the black community for support with respect to the workers grievances against the P. Lorillard Company. The workers have been meeting at Holy Cross Church in order to plan the demonstration.

Picketing at the plant has become very sporadic and poorly attended and source feels that this is one reason why MOSE RAPIER wants to have an organized demonstration in order to rekindle the interest in the demonstration.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 21, 1973

According to MOSE RAPIER, the black employees at the P. Lorillard Company have arranged to obtain two buses, one from the Plymouth Settlement House and one from Reverend KIRBY of the Kirby Church in order to pick up people who are interested in joining the demonstration at the P. Lorillard Company on Friday, September 21, 1973, at 2:00 PM.

RAPIER stated that the buses will probably begin picking up people at around noon time in order to have them at the company by 2:00. RAPIER stated that there will be several ministers at the demonstration who will speak in favor of the workers.

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Louisville, Kentucky
September 13, 1973

On Wednesday, September 12, 1973, HELEN GREEVER, JEANETTE BAILEY, WALTER BOAGS, JUDY SIMMONS, and PEGGY (Last Name Unknown)(BILL ALLISON's secretary), were at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) office all day.

BOAGS was talking about the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) and stated that many individuals who belong to YWLL are communist and that anybody who is thinking of becoming affiliated with the YWLL should be aware of this fact.

BOAGS stated that there will be a meeting for the YWLL on Friday, September 14, 1973, at 6:00 PM either at the SCEF office or at a house on Northwestern Parkway. BOAGS did not give the address of the house. BOAGS stated that anyone who becomes affiliated with the YWLL should not discuss this affiliation with anyone outside of the organization. In addition, BOAGS stated that what goes on at the YWLL meetings is not to be discussed outside of the organization or with anyone who is not a member of the organization.

BOAGS has been asking a lot of questions about HERB JONES and G. T. ALEXANDER. BOAGS is interested in determining what type of people they are and especially whether or not if they are violent.

On Thursday, September 13, 1973, WALTER BOAGS was visiting JOHN WINFIELD at WINFIELD's home when HERB JONES arrived at the house, supposedly to visit WINFIELD. When JONES arrived at the house BOAGS immediately left. BOAGS is of the opinion that JONES followed him (BOAGS) to WINFIELD's house. BOAGS as well as other individuals associated with SCEF are fearful that members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) will attempt to make another move on them.

Lately there have been several derogatory remarks at SCEF against the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and especially against the leader of the BWC, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. Individuals associated with SCEF are of the opinion that the BWC has lost community support and that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has done a very poor job in leading that organization.

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Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS was advised of a
disturbance at the park Hill project as described in this report
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Louisville, Kentucky
September 7, 1973

At approximately 4:00 PM on Friday, September 7, 1973, there was a shooting at the Park Hill projects in which three policemen from the Louisville Police Department (LPD) shot and wounded a 17 or 18 year old black youth. The youth was apparently an armed robbery suspect and the three policemen had cornered him in the basement of one of the project homes. Apparently the youth was not armed and the police captured him.

The general feeling in the project was that the police did not have to fire upon the youth and feelings were running pretty high in the project concerning the shooting.

The black employees at the P. Lorillard Company continue to demonstrate on a daily basis. The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has tried to inject themselves into the demonstrations at the P. Lorillard Company, however, they have been unsuccessful inasmuch as they have received a very cool reception from the employees at the Lorillard Company. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and BRENDA ALLEN have been at some of the demonstrations and have "put on a real show", especially BRENDA ALLEN. Both ROBERTS and ALLEN have tried to rally the demonstrators at the plant, however, they have not been successful.

The P. Lorillard Company has taken one of the black employees back but has not indicated that it will rehire any of the others.

MOSE RAPIER continued to maintain that until the demands of the black employees are met, the employees will demonstrate on a daily basis at the plant.

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Louisville, Kentucky
September 5, 1973

On September 4, 1973, HELEN GREEVER was overheard making a telephone call to a minister in Louisville, Kentucky. GREEVER asked the minister if he would be able to make a very important meeting to be held this coming weekend. Source was unable to determine whether or not the minister indicated that he would attend.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, GREEVER got a telephone call from an unknown individual, who informed GREEVER that the demonstrations at the P. Lorillard Company were still taking place. GREEVER indicated that she was very pleased to discover that the demonstrations were still going on and hoped that they would continue to do so for some time.

On Tuesday afternoon, Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held a staff meeting at which time JEANETTE BAILEY told HELEN GREEVER that she will probably be leaving SCEF in the near future. BAILEY is very dissatisfied with her employment at SCEF.

One of the employees at SCEF delivered a package to the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) at the direction of HELEN GREEVER. GREEVER told the SCEF employee to give the package to a Negro female who would be standing in front of the office. GREEVER stated that the office door would probably not be open, but that the Negro female who would be waiting in front of the office is associated with the BWC and would accept the package for the BWC.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 6, 1973

On Wednesday evening, September 5, 1973, \$36.00 was taken from the petty cash box at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) office. HELEN GREEVER has indicated that one of the employees at SCEF has to be responsible for the theft.

GREEVER has told employees at SCEF that they can have Friday, September 7, and Saturday, September 8, 1973, off because of some meeting that is going to be held at SCEF. It is quite obvious that GREEVER does not want any of the employees at the office while the meetings are taking place.

According to HERB JONES, JONES contacted JOHN WINFIELD on Wednesday night, September 5, 1973, and confronted WINFIELD regarding WINFIELD's current employment with SCEF. JONES told WINFIELD that JONES did not think that WINFIELD should be working for SCEF, and that ultimately WINFIELD would have to answer to New York as a result of the employment. According to JONES, WINFIELD's position is that he can do a lot of good for the black community by working for SCEF. By way of example, WINFIELD stated that he can do a great deal to help political prisoners as a result of his work with SCEF.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 7, 1973

On Thursday, September 6, 1973, HELEN GREEVER directed JOHN WINFIELD to pick up three men and one female (all white) at Stouffer's Inn at Second and Broadway. WINFIELD picked these individuals up between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. and brought them back to the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

After these individuals had arrived at SCEF, HELEN GREEVER told all of the employees at SCEF that they could go home. GREEVER also told them that they should not be at the office on Friday, nor come to the office during the weekend due to the fact that there are some meetings being held (presumably at the SCEF office) during the weekend.

GREEVER mentioned that there would be more people arriving early Friday morning, September 7, 1973, in order to attend the meetings.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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RICHARD ALPHONSO BOONE, also known as Reverend Richard Boone, is unknown to source. During 1967, one Reverend RICHARD BOONE, believed to be a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff worker, visited Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with open-housing demonstrations in Louisville, Kentucky, at that time. However, this individual was a legitimate preacher and was legitimately connected with SCLC. Reverend CHARLES KIRBY, Seven Star Baptist Church, 2304 Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, would be more familiar with the Reverend RICHARD BOONE from SCLC who visited Louisville, Kentucky, in 1967. KIRBY would in all likelihood cooperate fully with any investigative efforts to locate RICHARD ALPHONSO BOONE.

In connection with the recent labor problems and civil unrest at the Lorillard Company, Louisville, Kentucky, Reverend ELLIOTT, pastor of the King Solomon Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, has been acting as the behind-the-scenes instigator. ELLIOTT is a strong supporter of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and has a close relationship with BWC officials. ELLIOTT would be the most likely Negro preacher in the Louisville, Kentucky area for an itinerant preacher to contact upon arrival in the Louisville, Kentucky area. If an individual such as RICHARD ALPHONSO BOONE would come to Louisville, Kentucky, chances are he would contact ELLIOTT for some type of preaching job locally. ELLIOTT is not well respected by other Negro preachers and is generally mistrusted.

The Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC) is presently trying to marshal public support around the CEDRIC MAURICE WILSON case. WILSON is scheduled to stand trial sometime in the immediate future, and the KPPC has been publishing and distributing propaganda in his behalf.

There has been no recent activity on the part of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), and the general feeling within the Negro community is that the KBPP is now defunct. Although several individuals continue to remain sympathetic toward the KBPP and some of its incarcerated members, there is no real genuine support for the KBPP or its ideological programs within the local Louisville, Kentucky Negro community.

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Big "A" Merchants Pledge \$5000 For Community Programs

By Susan Brown
Defender News Editor

The merchants at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center (Cane Run Road) are planning a number of activities that will benefit the community which the Center serves, according to James Kennedy, manager of Bell Brothers Shoes and member of the Big "A" Merchants Association.

The programs planned by the Association include a food crisis program, the earmarking of \$5,000 annually for community programs, an employment office, and other programs. A board made up of community representatives is also planned.

The Merchants Association back in January provided money necessary to renovate a gymnasium in the House of Truth, 37th and Broadway, of which Bishop Cliff Butler is the pastor. The gymnasium should be ready for use in September. According to Kennedy, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) has agreed to provide two buses to take children to the gym.

Kennedy, who says he initiated the idea of an emergency food program, explained that the idea occurred to him when a friend of his got sick and couldn't work and was unable to

procure food stamps to feed his family (there is thirty day waiting period).

Kennedy took the idea to the Merchant's Association, and they agreed to set up a food crisis program. He explained that when the Association runs ads they will also ask people to bring a can of food the next time they come over to the shopping center. The merchants will contribute a certain amount of money to the program, and it will be administered by Sister Mary Kathleen.

Another project of the Merchant's Association will be to set up a fund of \$5,000 a year—an on-going project—to contribute to various community projects. A board made up of a cross

section of the community will be established to help decide which projects deserve consideration.

"There are so many people that come over here and you don't know who is legit and who isn't," said Kennedy. The board will solve his problem.

Kennedy also said that the Association was trying to set up a job office so that an employer who has a store in the center could call the office and "get people to work" for him.

The Merchants Association recently came under criticism by the Black Workers' Coalition (BWC) which claimed that the Center didn't do enough for the community and

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presented a list of demands which it felt should be met.

Among the demands were:

- *\$100 a week from each merchant to the BWC for an unlimited time;

- *that the security guards be upgraded in their dress and approach to the shopping public.

- *that more black personnel be hired.

- *that the Center be more responsible to the community which it serves.

With the exception of the security guards, Kennedy says the Center has been meeting the other demands. The Merchants refused to pay the \$100 a month to the organization but has reached agreements with the BWC over other issues, according to Kennedy.

"I wish they had come to us and asked without demanding," Kennedy said of the BWC. He noted that his store had three black and three white workers when he first took over and that now all six of his employees were black. Other stores too have increased the number of black employees, but Kennedy says there are people who have worked in the stores for a long time who can't be fired just because they are white. He estimates that at least 60% of all of the employees at the Center are black, a figure which varies greatly

from store to store.

Kennedy also says that he has personally donated shoes and money to different groups throughout the year, but didn't advertise his activities.

The Association is also working to bring more businesses into the Center, especially black businesses. There are approximately eight vacant shops at the

Center. "We have been trying to get some black businessmen in here," Kennedy said. "So far we have one or two, but we still have eight more stores to lease. The Center is good. We have got money here, People buy."

Among the new stores which will appear in the Center in the near future are a fabric shop and a record store.

One business, the Fashion Shop, was scared away because of the \$100 a month demand and the threat of boycott. The owners have acquired another store elsewhere, but have decided to come back to Algonquin Manor in September on a month-to-month basis with the guarantee that they will not be boycotted, Kennedy said.

"There is no way any (shopping) center could cure all the ills (of society)," said Kennedy.

"But they can help."